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**J. EDGAR HOOVER**

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J. Edgar Hoover

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bassett

DATE: 12/6/77

FROM : J. P. Flynn

SUBJECT: MOVEMENT AND PRESENT LOCATION OF MEMORABILIA  
REMOVED FROM OFFICE OF FORMER DIRECTOR J. E. HOOVER

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Director's Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

**PURPOSE:** To advise of the current status of the Department's efforts to dispose of the late Director's personal memorabilia, presently being stored in the Hoover Building.

**DETAILS:** On 11/22/77, inquiry was made with Miss Sarah G. Wilcox, Civil Division, Department of Justice, to determine the current status of our request for the Department's assistance in disposing of Mr. Hoover's personal memorabilia. Miss Wilcox advised that nothing had been resolved, but since no one appeared willing to claim the memorabilia, she felt it might qualify as "abandoned property." However, she advised that before the Government could dispose of such property, the executor of the Tolson estate would have to renounce all interest in the property since it was his duty to effect a final disposition. She noted that under a codicil to the Tolson Will, the executor was given the right to dispose of the memorabilia with residuals, if any, passing to the Boys' Clubs of America and the Damon Runyon Foundation. She advised that she would correspond with the executor in an effort to determine whether he and the indicated residuary legatees intended to waive their rights to the memorabilia. Miss Wilcox was advised that an early resolution of this matter would be desirable in view of the critical need for storage space in the Hoover Building.

On 12/5/77, Miss Wilcox provided a copy of the attached letter which she directed to the executor of the Tolson estate on 12/1/77.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** For information.

6 JAN 1978

ENCLOSURE

Enclosure

APPROVED:

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- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. Bassett

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December 1, 1977

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77-16-1812

George E. Monk, Esquire  
Hogan and Hartson  
815 Connecticut Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20006

Re: Estate of Clyde A. Tolson, Deceased

Dear Mr. Monk:

As we have previously informed you, certain property located in the offices of the late J. Edgar Hoover which was packed and stored in boxes in a storeroom of the Federal Bureau of Investigation following Mr. Hoover's death appears to be personal in nature and was the personal property of Mr. Hoover. Inventories of the contents of these boxes were sent to you in December 1976.

As such, under the provisions of Mr. Hoover's will, the property passed to Mr. Tolson upon Mr. Hoover's death. Upon Mr. Tolson's death, it became a part of his estate and passed under his will.

Under ~~of~~ of the Second Codicil of Mr. Tolson's will, it passed to his executor in trust for the purpose of selecting thousands which should be installed in "the J. Edgar Hoover Room in the new FBI building." Except for those items, if any, which the executor should select, the property appears to have passed under the residuary clause to the Boys Clubs of America and the Damon Runyon Memorial Fund for Cancer Research.

The executor has made no offer of any of the property to the Government for the stated purpose. Moreover, there is no J. Edgar Hoover Room in the new FBI building and it is our understanding that none is contemplated. We are informed that the FBI has already accepted all Hoover memorabilia which can be accommodated in the Hoover memorial area on the Tour Route. Therefore, it is not anticipated that the Government would accept any of the property with the stated condition attached, even if offered by the executor.

67-561-411-  
ENCLOSURE

You advised by your letter of February 10, 1977 that Mr. Mohr as executor of Mr. Tolson's estate "is not making claim for any of the property." It does not appear that such a renunciation relieves the executor from the duty of attempting to distribute the property in accordance with the provisions of the will to the named legatees.

If it is the intention of the executor and the residuary legatees to abandon the property, please provide us with appropriate evidence of the intent of the executor and the residuary beneficiaries to do so. In that event, the property would be disposed of by the Government under procedures normally followed for disposal of abandoned property.

The property has occupied needed storage space for more than four years, and the FBI custodians wish to dispose of it as soon as possible. Please let us hear from you as to what disposition of the matter the executor is prepared to take.

Very truly yours,


BARBARA ALLEN BABCOCK  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Division

By:

Stuart E. Schiffer  
Chief, Commercial Litigation Section

cc: Mr. James Durkin  
Internal Revenue Service  
1201 F Street, Room 1015  
Washington, D.C. 20226

Mr. Lee M. Quick  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
J. Edgar Hoover Building,  
Room 1127  
Washington, D.C.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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Director's Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

TO : MR. DE BRULER

DATE: 7/20/77

FROM : J. W. O'ROURKE

SUBJECT: MOVEMENT AND PRESENT LOCATION OF  
MEMORABILIA REMOVED FROM OFFICE OF  
FORMER DIRECTOR J. E. HOOVER  
(Bufile 67-561)

In connection with an inquiry in captioned matter conducted by the former Inspection Division, there are maintained in the space of the Office of Inspections, Planning and Inspection Division, numerous tickler copies of correspondence, principally FD-302s, and other miscellaneous notes and data relating to that inquiry. Also included are the originals of a number of FD-302s reporting results of interviews conducted by members of the Inspection Staff in 9-10/76. The captioned inquiry concerns the need for a judgment as to the final disposition of the memorabilia. This judgment is pending with the Department and is being followed by the Printing and Space Management Section, Administrative Services Division, which has been designated custodian of the material pending final determination.

It should be noted that this memorandum pertains to, and the enclosures contain, material of a sensitive and personal nature and is earmarked for filing in 67-561 which is the personnel file for the late Director Hoover.

## ACTION:

1. Attached for filing are the original FD-302s referred to above. Included are varying numbers of carbon copies of these FD-302s to facilitate any necessary cross filing in files of persons interviewed.

## Enclosures

- 1 - Mr. Bassett (Attn: L. M. Quick)
- 1 - Mr. Decker
- 1 - Mr. Keehan
- 1 - Mr. Phillips

SFP:jmh

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## APPROVED:

Director \_\_\_\_\_  
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Memo to Mr. DeBruler  
 Re: Movement and Present Location of  
 Memorabilia Removed from Office of  
 Former Director J. E. Hoover

2. Also included among the material to be filed are originals or copies of material which was previously disseminated outside the Bureau -- see Bufile 67-561-406 and 407; however, copies of the material were not then placed in file with the yellows of the outgoing communications as they should have been. This memorandum rectifies that situation.

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APPROVED:

Director \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Tickler copies of other materials and other miscellaneous notes -- duplicative and/or of no discernible value -- are being destroyed.

*Jur*

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The Attorney General

May 2, 1977

Director, FBI

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

*Official & Confidential Files*

BUREAU PROPERTY MAINTAINED AT RESIDENCE  
OF FORMER FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER

*J. Edgar Hoover*

Reference is made to my prior conversations with you concerning captioned matter.

The purpose of this communication is to advise that the following items were picked up from the former residence of J. Edgar Hoover on April 14, 1977, and returned to FBI control:

- 7 Filing Cabinets
- 3 Typewriters
- 1 Stenographer's Desk with Attachment
- 1 Stenographer's Chair
- 1 Wood Cabinet
- 1 Typewriter Stand
- 1 Desk Lamp with Pen
- 1 Desk Extension Table
- 1 Floor Chair Pad

There were no papers contained in any of the material which was picked up. Mr. John P. Mohr, former Assistant to the Director and now Executor of the Clyde A. Tolson Estate, was present at the time the above items were picked up. He commented that the contents of the cabinets had been the personal investment records of the late Director and displayed to the Agents present several of the file jackets which were confirmed by the Agents to pertain to investment records. *62-116606-31*

One of my Assistants telephonically advised Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., of your Office of Professional Responsibility, of the foregoing on April 14, 1977.

In view of the circumstances, unless advised to the contrary, I will consider this matter closed.

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The Attorney General

Re: BUREAU PROPERTY MAINTAINED AT RESIDENCE  
OF FORMER FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER

NOTE: Based on Director's instructions -- See memorandum H. N. Bassett  
to Mr. McDermott dated 4/14/77, JPF:bg.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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Director Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 4/14/77

FROM : W. K. DE BRULER

*Official & Confidential Files*

SUBJECT: FILE CABINETS AT HOOVER RESIDENCE

*J. Edgar Hoover*

On 4/13/77 you advised me of a conference between the Attorney General and you relative to the file cabinets referred to by John P. Mohr now at the Hoover residence. You informed me that it had been agreed between the Attorney General and you that these cabinets would be obtained and subsequently taken to the U. S. Department of Justice Building and thereafter inventoried by SA Paul V. Daly and Departmental Attorney Steven Blackhurst of the Department's Office of Professional Responsibility. It was anticipated that one six-drawer file cabinet and six two-drawer file cabinets would be picked up by the FBI.

A review was made of documents concerning an inquiry into the disposition of files maintained at the office of former Director J. Edgar Hoover and, particularly, a memorandum dated 7/3/75 captioned, "Inquiry into Disposition of Files Maintained in the Office of Former Director J. Edgar Hoover." This document contains information relative to file cabinets at the Hoover residence as well as material allegedly contained therein.

I met with Attorney General Bell and Departmental Attorneys Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., and Steven Blackhurst at 6:15 p.m., 4/13/77, and explained the nature of John P. Mohr's call to Mr. McDermott as well as the general background concerning this matter. The Attorney General read the memorandum of 7/3/75 referred to above and stated he understood the situation.

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- 1 - Mr. Bassett
- 1 - Mr. O'Rourke

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Memorandum to the Director  
Re: FILE CABINETS AT HOOVER RESIDENCE

The Attorney General agreed that these file cabinets would be picked up by SA James P. Flynn and others and brought to FBIHQ. In the event these cabinets contained any documents, it was agreed that Departmental Attorney Steven Blackhurst and SA Paul V. Daly would be immediately contacted so that the cabinets could be taken to the Justice Department and, thereafter, the material inventoried by them. The Attorney General understood that in all likelihood there would be no documents in these file cabinets and that this was generally understood at the time of Mr. Mohr's telephone call to Mr. McDermott.

On the morning of 4/14/77, John P. Mohr telephoned Assistant Director Bassett and requested that SA Flynn meet him at the Hoover residence at 11:00 a.m., 4/14/77, for the purpose of picking up the file cabinets. Assistant Director Bassett made arrangements to pick up the file cabinets and contacted Departmental Attorney Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., as to the course of action to be taken.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

APPROVED:	Adm. Serv. _____	Legal Coun. _____
Director _____	Ext. Affairs _____	Plan. & Insp. _____
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. McDermott

DATE: 4/14/77

FROM : H. N. Bassett

SUBJECT: RETURN OF BUREAU PROPERTY  
FROM RESIDENCE OF FORMER  
DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER

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Director's Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

*Official Copy Filed*  
*J. Edgar Hoover*

**PURPOSE:** To record return to inventory of items transported from home of former Director J. Edgar Hoover.

**DETAILS:** On April 14, 1977, in response to a call from John P. Mohr, former Assistant to the Director, now Executor of the Clyde A. Tolson estate, that 17 items of Bureau property were available for return to the FBI, the following individuals proceeded to the former residence of the late Director, to inventory the items and effect the return:

SA James P. Flynn  
SA Robert P. Keehan  
Mr. Robert B. Marsden  
Mr. Jesse T. Peterson, Jr.  
Mr. Louis Brown, Jr.

The items listed below were situated in a basement recreation room of the residence. All the cabinets were empty. Mr. Mohr commented that the contents of these cabinets had been the personal investment records of the late Director which were removed and boxed by him. It was noted that approximately 15 boxes were stacked in the room and several of the file jackets displayed by Mr. Mohr contained investment records.

The 17 items were loaded on a rented Ryder truck (the Bureau truck that would ordinarily be used was in repair) and returned to FBIHQ. A receipt, prepared by Mr. Mohr, was signed by SA Flynn, and a copy of same (attached) was made by SA Keehan.

Enclosure

ENCLOSURE

- 1 - Mr. Held - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Adams - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. McDermott - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Bassett - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Keehan - Enclosure

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Memorandum H. N. Bassett to Mr. McDermott  
Re: Return of Bureau Property  
From Residence of Former  
Director J. Edgar Hoover

The items obtained are summarized as follows:

- 7 - filing cabinets
- 3 - typewriters
- 1 - stenographer's desk with attachment
- 1 - stenographer's chair
- 1 - wood cabinet
- 1 - typewriter stand
- 1 - desk lamp with pen
- 1 - desk extension table
- 1 - floor chair pad

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RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

ADDENDUM ASSISTANT DIRECTOR H. N. BASSETT 4/14/77 HNB:nls

I orally advised you of the foregoing and in response to my question as to whether the foregoing material should be immediately placed in inventory, you advised in the affirmative, but only after a photograph is taken of the entire composite group. This has been done.

Per prior agreement, I also telephonically contacted Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Office of Professional Responsibility, Department of Justice, and advised him that the 17 items had been obtained and there were no papers or documents contained therein. I also told him that Mr. Mohr had shown the Agents samples of the material which had been contained in the file cabinets and that it solely involved investment records of Mr. Hoover. Mr. Shaheen advised that it probably would be well to confirm this in writing to the Attorney General in view of his interest in the matter and I mentioned that certainly the Bureau had no objection in doing so but that I was sure he could understand a reluctance to generate a lot of paper on a matter that had no substance but could be misconstrued by someone who did not know the circumstances. Mr. Shaheen readily agreed to this and suggested that perhaps the Director could orally advise the Attorney General of the outcome of the matter and that perhaps this would suffice and close the issue.

Memorandum H. N. Bassett to Mr. McDermott  
Re: Return of Bureau Property  
From Residence of Former  
Director J. Edgar Hoover

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Director call the Attorney General relative to the information contained in the body of this memorandum and, if agreeable with the Attorney General, that the matter then be considered closed.

APPROVED:

Director

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*Write him and say all  
returned and that UAC  
will consider matter closed.*

*K*



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bassett

DATE: 3/31/77

FROM : J. P. Flynn

SUBJECT: ~~MOVEMENT AND PRESENT LOCATION OF MEMORABILIA~~  
~~REMOVED FROM OFFICE OF FORMER DIRECTOR J. E. HOOVER~~

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Director Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

PURPOSE: To advise of current status of the Department's inquiry into the ownership of certain memorabilia formerly located in the late Director Hoover's Office.

DETAILS: By way of background, a memorandum, captioned as above, was forwarded to the Department on 10/20/76, requesting a determination regarding lawful ownership of various awards, plaques, honorary degrees, etc., that were presented to the late Director during his lifetime. The Printing and Space Management Section was designated custodian of this material pending final resolution.

On 3/29/77, Miss Sarah G. Wilcox, Civil Division, Department of Justice, contacted SA Lee M. Quick and advised that the attorneys handling the Tolson estate have indicated to her that they have no interest in the aforementioned memorabilia. Miss Wilcox noted that if the memorabilia should, nevertheless, be repositied in the Tolson estate, it would most likely pass to the residuary legatee. Before the property can pass to the residuary legatee of the Tolson will (Boys' Clubs), it would first have to pass under the Hoover will to the Tolson estate. This would result in a reopening of the Hoover will based on newly discovered property. The concerned parties are apparently less than anxious for this to happen.

Miss Wilcox said that the only interest in the property, at this time, appears to be on the part of Internal Revenue Service (IRS). If the memorabilia is determined to be valuable, the Hoover and Tolson estates will be subject to additional taxes. For this reason, IRS is following the matter with Miss Wilcox and is interested in the final determination.

Miss Wilcox inquired whether the FBI had any official interest in any of the items listed on the memorabilia inventory. She was informed that the Bureau had no specific interest other than to arrange for final disposition in whatever way was determined to be legally proper. Miss Wilcox indicated that it might be best for all parties concerned if the memorabilia were declared "Government property" and turned over to the Archives.

Miss Wilcox will keep us apprised of developments.



1 - Mr. Minner

1 - Mr. Bassett

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Memorandum J. P. Flynn to Mr. Bassett  
Re: Movement and Present Location of Memorabilia  
Removed From Office of Former Director J. E. Hoover

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : The Associate Director *[Signature]*

FROM : Legal Counsel *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: MOVEMENT AND PRESENT LOCATION OF  
MEMORABILIA REMOVED FROM OFFICE  
OF FORMER DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER

DATE: 2/15/77

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## PURPOSE:

To report a recent development in this matter.

## SYNOPSIS AND DETAILS:

By memorandum to the Attorney General dated 10/20/76, copy attached, the Director advised that the FBI will retain custody of captioned property pending a determination regarding lawful ownership. On 2/10/77, Sarah Wilcox, 187-3432, Civil Division, advised that a conference will be held in the Department regarding captioned matter in approximately two weeks. She requested that a representative of the FBI attend.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That Mr. Bassett designate an individual to represent the FBI concerning this matter.

APPROVED:

Director \_\_\_\_\_  
Dep. AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Enclosure

1 - Mr. Bassett  
1 - Mr. DeBruler

1 - Mr. Flynn  
1 - Lee Quick

1 - Mr. Mintz

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION ADDENDUM CSB:mb 2/16/77:

SA Lee M. Quick, Chief of the Security Coordination Unit, has participated in the handling of this matter since it first arose and is fully conversant regarding it. Therefore, it is recommended that Mr. Quick be designated as the Bureau's representative for the upcoming conference with the Department on the matter.

THE DIRECTOR

10/20/76

W. K. DE BRULLER

**MOVEMENT AND PRESENT LOCATION OF  
MEMORABILIA REMOVED FROM OFFICE  
OF FORMER DIRECTOR J. E. HOOVER**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this memorandum is to reflect movement of memorabilia from the office suite of J. Edgar Hoover to present locations; to set out results of inventories of material involved, and to request approval of attached letter to the Attorney General along with accompanying LHM which sets out background and requests a determination regarding lawful ownership as well as a recommendation as to disposition of the property. Also attached for approval is letter to Register of Wills for his information.

**SYNOPSIS**

Following death of J. Edgar Hoover, 5/2/72, considerable memorabilia and other property were moved from his office suite. Personal property was taken to his home while memorabilia, including awards, plaques, news articles and editorials, anniversary messages, photographs, editorial cartoons, certificates, diplomas, degrees and awards, athletic trophies and miscellaneous items, some of which also might be classified as personal property of Mr. Hoover, were stored at Taylor Street warehouse and subsequently moved to CAO storage and still later to space under control of the Special Projects Section in the Old Post Office (OPO) and JAIL Buildings, with limited number of items being placed on display on FBI tour route. Inventories disclosed that property retained is limited to general categories previously mentioned and no official files were included, although in some instances, articles and editorials contained file numbers of cases to which the items had significance. Will of Mr. Hoover made seven bequests and left remainder of estate to Clyde A. Tolson who was also nominated as Executor. No mention was made of any property related to the memorabilia. A codicil to Mr. Tolson's will set out that any and all memorabilia, awards, plaques, photos, or any and all other personal property which can be easily identified with the late John Edgar Hoover was bequeathed to his

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Executor. Purpose was to install the memorabilia and personal property in the new FBI Building and the Executor would be empowered with exclusive discretion and judgment as to items to be included. John Philip Mohr was nominated as Executor. Tolson's will is presently in litigation in D. C. Superior Court, Probate Division. Printing and Space Management Section designated as custodian of property pending final determination as to ownership and disposition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the FBI continue to retain custody of this property pending determination of ownership and suggested disposition.
2. That the attached letter and LHM, with enclosures, be approved for transmittal to the Department.
3. That the attached letter be approved for transmittal to the Register of Wills.
4. That Printing and Space Management Section, Administrative Services Division, follow with the Department of Justice so that implementation of any directions might take place as early as feasible.

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DETAILS

By way of background, the Attorney General in June, 1975, requested that an inquiry be conducted as to whether any official files were removed from Mr. Hoover's office to his residence following his death and may have been subsequently removed from that residence following the death of Clyde A. Tolson. A summary of the inquiry dated 7/3/75, which reflected interview of 100 individuals, was furnished to the Department and it was reported that no information was developed that any official files were removed from Mr. Hoover's office. Subsequent inquiry established movement of property from Mr. Hoover's office including awards, plaques, news articles and editorials, anniversary messages, photographs, editorial cartoons, certificates, diplomas, degrees, athletic trophies and miscellaneous items, some of which also might be classified as personal property of Mr. Hoover. This property was removed under the direction of Miss Helen W. Candy, former Executive Assistant to Mr. Hoover, who determined which items were personal and to be taken to Mr. Hoover's house or which were to be retained by the FBI for possible later use for historical purposes. This property was packaged by employees from the Special Projects Section following Mr. Hoover's death and was then transported by employees from the former Mechanical Section to the Taylor Street warehouse for storage where it remained for approximately 6 months. It was then removed intact and transferred to FBI storage space in the General Accounting Office (GAO) Building and was then subsequently moved approximately November, 1973, from GAO to space occupied by the Special Projects Section in the Old Post Office (OPO) Building for consideration for public display in the new J. Edgar Hoover Building. This material continues to be located in space under control of the Special Projects Section in the OPO and JEH Buildings with a limited number of items being placed on public display on the FBI tour route.

No inquiry was received concerning this material but substantial detail regarding the movement and retention of same by the FBI was included in reports of interviews with 4 Special Projects Section employees reviewed by Senate Select Committee (SSC) representatives during September and October, 1975. Results of these interviews were furnished to the Department 11/17/75.

In April, 1976, a memorandum was prepared for the Director regarding possible destruction of some awards that hung in Mr. Hoover's office and the Director noted, "I have reviewed the list and don't see anything I feel needs to be retained." Efforts to dispose of this material raised questions as to ownership and proper disposal procedures in view of pending litigation regarding the

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Tolson estate and past Congressional interest in Mr. Hoover's office. In view of this, a general inventory of all material stored in the space under control of the Special Projects Section in the CPO Building was conducted on 9/17/78.

Located in the OPO Building were a total of 66 boxes, crates and packets which were segregated into general categories and examined to determine the overall nature of the contents. Review disclosed the following:

1. 33 cardboard boxes containing mounted articles and editorials regarding the FBI and Mr. Hoover, from various publications during the years 1913 - 1972.
2. 7 cardboard boxes containing congratulatory messages to Mr. Hoover on various anniversaries and special occasions.
3. 12 cardboard boxes, 1 cardboard wrapped packet and 1 masonite receptacle containing photographs of Mr. Hoover and/or other individuals who were associated with him. Included in one of these boxes were 4 postage stamp albums. The stamp albums were removed from box #53 and are stored in a safe located in the Printing and Space Management Section in the JEH Building.
4. 2 wooden crates containing 78 panels of mounted editorial cartoons; 1 additional wooden crate; 2 cardboard boxes, and 1 packet containing various caricatures and editorial cartoons.
5. 2 wooden crates and package containing various diplomas, certificates, degrees and awards presented to Mr. Hoover.
6. 1 cardboard box and 1 wooden crate containing athletic trophies.
7. 3 cardboard boxes containing miscellaneous items including a model of Mr. Hoover's office at Vermont Avenue and K Street; material related to the book "Masters of Deceit" such as news articles, advertisements and editorials, and material for the "scrapbook."

Examination disclosed that only material identifiable with the above general categories was included and nothing synonymous with official files was contained therein. It is noted that in some instances articles and editorials contained file numbers of cases to which the items had some significance. Upon



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completion of the project, the containers, numbered in sequence, were returned to the same storage space.

Separate from the above material are 18 cardboard boxes stored in Special Projects Section space in the JEH Building which contain various awards presented to Mr. Hoover through the years. These awards were formerly displayed in the corridor and reception room leading to his office and a limited number of these items are displayed currently on the tour route.

These items have been inventoried and are stored awaiting disposition.

Will dated 7/19/71 of Mr. Hoover, made seven bequests and left the remainder of his estate to Clyde A. Tolson, who was also nominated as Executor of the estate. No mention was made of any property related to the memorabilia.

A codicil dated 9/8/73 to Mr. Tolson's will dated 8/14/72, noted that any and all memorabilia, medals, plaques, photos, or any and all other personal property which can be easily identified with the late John Edgar Hoover were bequeathed to his Executor who qualified at the time of his demise. Purpose was to install the memorabilia and personal property in the John Edgar Hoover Room in the new FBI Building and the Executor would be empowered with exclusive discretion and judgment as to items to be included. John Philip Mohr was nominated as Executor. Tolson's will is presently in litigation in D. C. Superior Court, Probate Division.

On 9/30/76 Mr. John J. McDermott, Assistant to the Director - Deputy Associate Director (Administration), designated Printing and Space Management Section of the Administrative Services Division as custodians of this property pending final determination as to ownership and disposition.

The Attorney General

October 20, 1976

Director, FBI

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J. EDGAR HOOVER**

Enclosed herewith are the original and four copies of a memorandum setting forth information concerning property which had been removed from the office of Mr. J. Edgar Hoover following his death, May 2, 1972. A specific inventory of awards and plaques and a general inventory of the editorials and articles, congratulatory messages, photographs, caricatures, editorial cartoons, certificates, honorary degrees and other miscellaneous items have been compiled. The FBI will retain custody of the property mentioned pending a determination regarding lawful ownership, and disposition thereafter will be made in accordance with any decision in this regard.

You may desire to bring this information to the attention of interested Congressional Committees or anyone within the Department of Justice who has a need to know.

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In connection with efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to dispose of memorabilia and other material compiled on behalf of Mr. Hoover during his stewardship of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, including awards, plaques, mounted editorials and articles from various publications; congratulatory messages on anniversaries or other occasions; photographs; caricatures as well as editorial cartoons; certificates and honorary degrees; Federal Bureau of Investigation athletic trophies, and scrapbook articles, questions have been raised as to ownership of these various items. This material is presently stored in space in the Old Post Office Building under control of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is contained in sixty-eight separate cardboard boxes, crates or packets. A general inventory was conducted to assure that only material identifiable with the above categories was included therein.

In addition, there are eighteen cardboard boxes presently stored in space under control of the Special Projects Section, Scientific and Technical Services Division, in the J. Edgar Hoover Building containing numerous awards and plaques presented to Mr. Hoover. These awards and plaques were formerly displayed in the corridor and reception room leading to his office in the Department of Justice Building.

Former Director J. Edgar Hoover died on May 2, 1972. He left a will dated July 19, 1971, which is filed with the Register of Wills for the District of Columbia. This will makes seven bequests and left

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the remainder of his estate to Clyde A. Tolson, former Associate FBI Director, who was nominated as Executor of the estate.

Clyde A. Tolson died on or about April 14, 1975, and left two wills, one dated June 26, 1972, and one dated August 14, 1972, which contained five codicils, the second of which was dated September 6, 1973, and shows the following under paragraph seven:

"7. I hereby bequeath to my Executor who qualifies at the time of my demise any and all memorabilia, medals, plaques, photographs, or any and all other personal property which can be easily identified with the late J. Edgar Hoover. The purpose of this bequest shall be to install these memorabilia and other personal property identifiable with the late J. Edgar Hoover in the J. Edgar Hoover Room in the new FBI Building. My Executor shall be empowered with exclusive discretion and judgment as to those items of personal property which shall be included in this bequest."

Both wills nominate John Philip Mohr, former Assistant to the Director, as Executor. Mohr filed a petition to probate the wills and for letters testamentary in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Probate Division, Administrative Number 868-75, on April 30, 1975. A complaint opposing probate of the wills, codicils, and the granting of letters testamentary was filed by Hillory A. Tolson, brother of Clyde A. Tolson, with the Court on July 3, 1975. This matter is still in litigation.

An extensive inquiry was conducted into the disposition of official and confidential files in the office of former Director Hoover during June, 1975. During this inquiry substantial information was obtained about procedures followed to remove property from this office. Miss Helen W. Gandy, former Executive Assistant to the Director, directed the project and designated personal items to be taken to Mr. Hoover's house and those items to be retained by the FBI for possible later use by the Exhibits Section for historical purposes. The material noted previously in this communication was among that selected by Miss Gandy for retention as significant to the history of the FBI.

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The material selected by Miss Gandy as of historical significance was then packaged by employees of the Exhibits Section immediately following the death of Mr. Hoover and transported to the Taylor Street Warehouse for storage. The material remained at that location for approximately six months, at which time it was removed intact to FBI storage space in the General Accounting Office (GAO) Building. It was subsequently moved approximately November, 1973, from GAO to space occupied by the then Exhibits Section in the Old Post Office Building for consideration for public display in the new J. Edgar Hoover Building. This material continues to be located in the Old Post Office Building, Special Projects Section of the J. Edgar Hoover Building, and on public display on the FBI tour route.

In view of the above information and pending litigation, the Department of Justice is requested to furnish advice regarding lawful ownership of this property and to also make appropriate recommendations concerning disposition of same. The FBI will retain custody of this property pending requested determinations.

Attached are twelve exhibits setting out information concerning the estates of J. Edgar Hoover and Clyde A. Tolson, as well as copies of interviews showing movement of property from the office of former Director J. Edgar Hoover following his death on May 2, 1972. Ten additional employees were interviewed but results are not sufficiently significant to enclose herewith. In addition, interviews conducted during June, 1975, with over 50 employees who participated in the packing and movement of property from former Director Hoover's office were reviewed for pertinent data. Key individuals were then reinterviewed and results are included herewith.

#### Exhibits

<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Bound volume of copied documents filed in date order for the Superior Court for the District of Columbia, April 17, 1975 - November 25, 1975, for the estate of Clyde A. Tolson, Deceased (including copies of two wills, five codicils and inventory of appraised personal estate (23 pages)).

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	Copy of will of John Edgar Hoover, July 19, 1971, with copy of Form No. 1 and Form No. 2 for U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia attached.
3	General inventory of material stored in Old Post Office Building, September 17, 1976.
4	Copy of interview of Miss Helen W. Gandy, former Executive Assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, October 8, 1976.
5	Copy of interview of Brent H. Hughes, Special Projects Section, FBI, October 5, 1976, with inventory of 13 cartons of awards and plaques maintained in Special Projects Section in J. Edgar Hoover Building.
6	Copy of interview of F. Thomas Peyton, October 5, 1976.
7	Copy of interview with Raymond H. Schaeffer, Special Projects Section, FBI, October 5, 1976.
8	Copy of interview of Kenneth Lee Pepper, Special Projects Section, FBI, October 5, 1976, with copies of inventories prepared by him attached showing property from former Director Hoover's office stored in the Old Post Office Building and on the FBI tour route.
9	Report of movement of four stamp albums from box number 53 to safe keeping.
10	Interview of Miss Iona G. Swann, former FBI Librarian, October 12, 1976.
11	Interview of Miss Sandy Coupe, Librarian, October 12, 1976.
12	Interview of Clark S. Shoaff, former Librarian, FBI Academy, October 12, 1976.

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Mr. Peter J. McLaughlin  
Register of Wills  
Superior Court of the District of Columbia  
451 Indiana Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20001

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

Attached is an inventory reflecting numerous awards which were presented to the late J. Edgar Hoover during his tenure as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. These awards were formerly displayed in the corridor and reception room adjacent to Mr. Hoover's office. For your information, there are an additional 68 boxes, crates and packets of which an itemized inventory has not been made but which contain numerous binders of newspaper articles and editorials, anniversary messages, photographs, editorial cartoons, certificates - diplomas - degrees, FBI athletic trophies, as well as some miscellaneous items, including material related to the book "Masters of Deceit," such as news articles, advertisements and editorials. Because of the nature of much of the material a question exists as to lawful ownership.

Mr. Hoover left a will, dated July 19, 1971, which made seven bequests and left the remainder of the estate to Clyde A. Tolson, who was also nominated as Executor. No mention was made of any property of pertinence to this letter.

A codicil dated September 6, 1973, to the will of Mr. Tolson, dated August 14, 1972, noted that any and all memorabilia, medals, plaques, photographs, or any and all other personal property which can

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The Department of Justice has been requested to furnish advice regarding lawful ownership of this property and to also make appropriate recommendations concerning disposition of same.

In the meantime, the FBI will retain custody of the property pending receipt of instructions regarding final disposition.

Sincerely yours,

**Clarence M. Kelley**  
Director

**Enclosure**



December 8, 1976

Tel: 202-735-3432

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Room 5600  
315 Connecticut Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20006

Re: Ownership of Property Which May Have Passed  
under the J. Edgar Hoover & Clyde A. Tolson  
Will

Dear Mr. Monk:

Pursuant to a telephone conversation between you and  
Mrs. Sarah Wilcox of this staff early last week, enclosed  
are copies of inventories which have been made by Federal  
Bureau of Investigation (FBI) representatives of certain  
property which was formerly located in the suite of offices  
occupied by the late J. Edgar Hoover. It is now stored  
under the control of the FBI.

It is our understanding that Miss Helen W. Gandy,  
former Executive Assistant to the Director, directed the  
removal of the material from the suite of offices occupied  
by Mr. Hoover at the time of his death and designated the  
items which she believed Mr. Hoover considered his personal  
property and those which she believed he would have con-  
sidered to be FBI property. The former material was removed  
to Mr. Hoover's home; the latter was boxed and stored in the  
custody of the FBI.

The material includes awards, plaques, mounted editori-  
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messages on anniversaries or other occasions; photographs;  
caricatures as well as editorial cartoons; certificates and  
honorary degrees; Federal Bureau of Investigation athletic  
trophies; scrapbook articles, and other miscellaneous items.

It is described in the enclosed specific inventory of  
16 boxes of awards and plaques, and general inventory of  
66 boxes, packets and containers containing editorials and

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and, as, commemorative medallions, photographs, caricatures, editorial cartoons, certificates, honorary degrees and other miscellaneous items.

The Attorney General has requested that appropriate steps be made to dispose of this considerable material. It is, therefore, necessary to determine the lawful ownership of the property.

It is our understanding that when Mr. Hoover's estate was inventoried in connection with the probating of his will, the existence of this material in the custody of the FBI was not brought to the attention of the appraiser or the Court. It is not known whether or not Mr. Tolson, the executor, residual beneficiary, Deputy, and long-time friend of Mr. Hoover, knew of its existence.

If the material now in the custody of the FBI was the property of Mr. Hoover, it would have passed to Mr. Tolson under the residuary clause of Mr. Hoover's will. To the extent the executor under the Tolson will should choose to include it in the trust contemplated in Item 7 of the second codicil of Mr. Tolson's will and to the extent that the United States chose to accept it, it would become the property of the United States.

After you and Mr. John P. Mohr, the executor, have had an opportunity to examine the enclosed inventories, we would appreciate an opportunity to meet with you to explore procedures for finally establishing ownership of the property now held by the FBI. Please telephone Mrs. Wilcox on 739-3431.

Yours very truly,

RFK L. LEE  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Division

By:

Stuart I. Schniffer  
Chief, Commercial Litigation Section

Enc.: Inventories

cc: Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535 ✓  
Attn.: Civil Litigation Unit

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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The Attorney General

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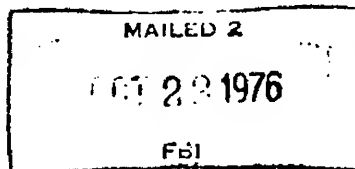
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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

October 20, 1976

**MOVEMENT AND PRESENT LOCATION  
OF MEMORABILIA REMOVED FROM  
OFFICE OF FORMER DIRECTOR  
J. EDGAR HOOVER**

In connection with efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to dispose of memorabilia and other material compiled on behalf of Mr. Hoover during his stewardship of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, including awards, plaques, mounted editorials and articles from various publications; congratulatory messages on anniversaries or other occasions; photographs; caricatures as well as editorial cartoons; certificates and honorary degrees; Federal Bureau of Investigation athletic trophies, and scrapbook articles, questions have been raised as to ownership of these various items. This material is presently stored in space in the Old Post Office Building under control of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is contained in sixty-eight separate cardboard boxes, crates or packets. A general inventory was conducted to assure that only material identifiable with the above categories was included therein.

In addition, there are eighteen cardboard boxes presently stored in space under control of the Special Projects Section, Scientific and Technical Services Division, in the J. Edgar Hoover Building containing numerous awards and plaques presented to Mr. Hoover. These awards and plaques were formerly displayed in the corridor and reception room leading to his office in the Department of Justice Building.

ENCLOSURE

Former Director J. Edgar Hoover died on May 2, 1972. He left a will dated July 19, 1971, which is filed with the Register of Wills for the District of Columbia. This will makes seven bequests and left

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J. Edgar Hoover**

the remainder of his estate to Clyde A. Tolson, former Associate FBI Director, who was nominated as Executor of the estate.

Clyde A. Tolson died on or about April 14, 1975, and left two wills, one dated June 26, 1972, and one dated August 14, 1972, which contained five codicils, the second of which was dated September 6, 1972, and shows the following under paragraph seven:

"7. I hereby bequeath to my Executor who qualifies at the time of my demise any and all memorabilia, medals, plaques, photographs, or any and all other personal property which can be easily identified with the late J. Edgar Hoover. The purpose of this bequest shall be to install these memorabilia and other personal property identifiable with the late J. Edgar Hoover in the J. Edgar Hoover Room in the new FBI Building. My Executor shall be empowered with exclusive discretion and judgment as to those items of personal property which shall be included in this bequest."

Both wills nominate John Philip Mohr, former Assistant to the Director, as Executor. Mohr filed a petition to probate the wills and for letters testamentary in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Probate Division, Administrative Number 868-75, on April 30, 1975. A complaint opposing probate of the wills, codicils, and the granting of letters testamentary was filed by Hillory A. Tolson, brother of Clyde A. Tolson, with the Court on July 3, 1975. This matter is still in litigation.

An extensive inquiry was conducted into the disposition of official and confidential files in the office of former Director Hoover during June, 1975. During this inquiry substantial information was obtained about procedures followed to remove property from this office. Miss Helen W. Gandy, former Executive Assistant to the Director, directed the project and designated personal items to be taken to Mr. Hoover's house and those items to be retained by the FBI for possible later use by the Exhibits Section for historical purposes. The material noted previously in this communication was among that selected by Miss Gandy for retention as significant to the history of the FBI.



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The material selected by Miss Gandy as of historical significance was then packaged by employees of the Exhibits Section immediately following the death of Mr. Hoover and transported to the Taylor Street warehouse for storage. The material remained at that location for approximately six months, at which time it was removed intact to FBI storage space in the General Accounting Office (GAO) Building. It was subsequently moved approximately November, 1973, from GAO to space occupied by the then Exhibits Section in the Old Post Office Building for consideration for public display in the new J. Edgar Hoover Building. This material continues to be located in the Old Post Office Building, Special Projects Section of the J. Edgar Hoover Building, and on public display on the FBI tour route.

In view of the above information and pending litigation, the Department of Justice is requested to furnish advice regarding lawful ownership of this property and to also make appropriate recommendations concerning disposition of same. The FBI will retain custody of this property pending requested determinations.

Attached are twelve exhibits setting out information concerning the estates of J. Edgar Hoover and Clyde A. Tolson, as well as copies of interviews showing movement of property from the office of former Director J. Edgar Hoover following his death on May 2, 1972. Ten additional employees were interviewed but results are not sufficiently significant to enclose herewith. In addition, interviews conducted during June, 1975, with over 50 employees who participated in the packing and movement of property from former Director Hoover's office were reviewed for pertinent data. Key individuals were then reinterviewed and results are included herewith.

#### Exhibits

<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Bound volume of copied documents filed in date order for the Superior Court for the District of Columbia, April 17, 1975 - November 25, 1975, for the estate of Clyde A. Tolson, Deceased (including copies of two wills, five codicils and inventory of appraised personal estate (23 pages)).

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
✓2	Copy of will of John Edgar Hoover, July 19, 1971, with copy of Form No. 1 and Form No. 2 for U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia attached.
✓3	General inventory of material stored in Old Post Office Building, September 17, 1976.
✓4	Copy of interview of Miss Helen W. Gandy, former Executive Assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, October 8, 1976.
✓5	Copy of interview of Brent H. Hughes, Special Projects Section, FBI, October 5, 1976, with inventory of 18 cartons of awards and plaques maintained in Special Projects Section in J. Edgar Hoover Building.
✓6	Copy of interview of F. Thomas Peyton, October 5, 1976.
✓7	Copy of interview with Raymond H. Schaeffer, Special Projects Section, FBI, October 5, 1976.
✓8	Copy of interview of Kenneth Lee Peffer, Special Projects Section, FBI, October 5, 1976, with copies of inventories prepared by him attached showing property from former Director Hoover's office stored in the Old Post Office Building and on the FBI tour route.
✓9	Report of movement of four stamp albums from box number 53 to safe keeping.
✓10	Interview of Miss Iona G. Swann, former FBI Librarian, October 12, 1976.
✓11	Interview of Miss Sandy Coupe, Librarian, October 12, 1976.
✓12	Interview of Clark S. Shoaff, former Librarian, FBI Academy, October 12, 1976.

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# Memorandum

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 10/20/76

FROM : W. K. DE BRULER

SUBJECT: MOVEMENT AND PRESENT LOCATION OF  
MEMORABILIA REMOVED FROM OFFICE  
OF FORMER DIRECTOR J. E. HOOVER

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## PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to reflect movement of memorabilia from the office suite of J. Edgar Hoover to present locations; to set out results of inventories of material involved, and to request approval of attached letter to the Attorney General along with accompanying LHM which sets out background and requests a determination regarding lawful ownership as well as a recommendation as to disposition of the property. Also attached for approval is letter to Register of Wills for his information.

## SYNOPSIS

Following death of J. Edgar Hoover, 5/2/72, considerable memorabilia and other property were moved from his office suite. Personal property was taken to his home while memorabilia, including awards, plaques, news articles and editorials, anniversary messages, photographs, editorial cartoons, certificates, diplomas, degrees and awards, athletic trophies and miscellaneous items, some of which also might be classified as personal property of Mr. Hoover, were stored at Taylor Street warehouse and subsequently moved to GAO storage and still later to space under control of the Special Projects Section in the Old Post Office (OPO) and JEH Buildings, with limited number of items being placed on display on FBI tour route. Inventories disclosed that property retained is limited to general categories previously mentioned and no official files were included, although in some instances, articles and editorials contained file numbers of cases to which the items had significance. Will of Mr. Hoover made seven bequests and left remainder of estate to Clyde A. Tolson who was also nominated as Executor. No mention was made of any property related to the memorabilia. A codicil to Mr. Tolson's will set out that any and all memorabilia, medals, plaques, photos, or any and all other personal property which can be easily identified with the late John Edgar Hoover was bequeathed to his

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Re: Movement and Present Location of Memorabilia









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Executor. Purpose was to install the memorabilia and personal property in the new FBI Building and the Executor would be empowered with exclusive discretion and judgment as to items to be included. John Philip Mohr was nominated as Executor. Tolson's will is presently in litigation in D. C. Superior Court, Probate Division. Printing and Space Management Section designated as custodian of property pending final determination as to ownership and disposition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the FBI continue to retain custody of this property pending determination of ownership and suggested disposition.
2. That the attached letter and LHM, with enclosures, be approved for transmittal to the Department.
3. That the attached letter be approved for transmittal to the Register of Wills.
4. That Printing and Space Management Section, Administrative Services Division, follow with the Department of Justice so that implementation of any directions might take place as early as feasible.

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### DETAILS

By way of background, the Attorney General in June, 1975, requested that an inquiry be conducted as to whether any official files were removed from Mr. Hoover's office to his residence following his death and may have been subsequently removed from that residence following the death of Clyde A. Tolson. A summary of the inquiry dated 7/3/75, which reflected interview of 100 individuals, was furnished to the Department and it was reported that no information was developed that any official files were removed from Mr. Hoover's office. Subsequent inquiry established movement of property from Mr. Hoover's office including awards, plaques, news articles and editorials, anniversary messages, photographs, editorial cartoons, certificates, diplomas, degrees, athletic trophies and miscellaneous items, some of which also might be classified as personal property of Mr. Hoover. This property was removed under the direction of Miss Helen W. Gandy, former Executive Assistant to Mr. Hoover, who determined which items were personal and to be taken to Mr. Hoover's house or which were to be retained by the FBI for possible later use for historical purposes. This property was packaged by employees from the Special Projects Section following Mr. Hoover's death and was then transported by employees from the former Mechanical Section to the Taylor Street warehouse for storage where it remained for approximately 6 months. It was then removed intact and transferred to FBI storage space in the General Accounting Office (GAO) Building and was then subsequently moved approximately November, 1973, from GAO to space occupied by the Special Projects Section in the Old Post Office (OPO) Building for consideration for public display in the new J. Edgar Hoover Building. This material continues to be located in space under control of the Special Projects Section in the OPO and JEH Buildings with a limited number of items being placed on public display on the FBI tour route.

No inquiry was received concerning this material but substantial detail regarding the movement and retention of same by the FBI was included in reports of interviews with 4 Special Projects Section employees reviewed by Senate Select Committee (SSC) representatives during September and October, 1975. Results of these interviews were furnished to the Department 11/17/75.

In April, 1976, a memorandum was prepared for the Director regarding possible destruction of some awards that hung in Mr. Hoover's office and the Director noted, "I have reviewed the list and don't see anything I feel needs to be retained." Efforts to dispose of this material raised questions as to ownership and proper disposal procedures in view of pending litigation regarding the

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Tolson estate and past Congressional interest in Mr. Hoover's office. In view of this, a general inventory of all material stored in the space under control of the Special Projects Section in the OPO Building was conducted on 9/17/76.

Located in the OPO Building were a total of 68 boxes, crates and packets which were segregated into general categories and examined to determine the overall nature of the contents. Review disclosed the following:

1. 33 cardboard boxes containing mounted articles and editorials regarding the FBI and Mr. Hoover, from various publications during the years 1913 - 1972.
2. 7 cardboard boxes containing congratulatory messages to Mr. Hoover on various anniversaries and special occasions.
3. 12 cardboard boxes, 1 cardboard wrapped packet and 1 masonite receptacle containing photographs of Mr. Hoover and/or other individuals who were associated with him. Included in one of these boxes were 4 postage stamp albums. The stamp albums were removed from box #53 and are stored in a safe located in the Printing and Space Management Section in the JEH Building.
4. 2 wooden crates containing 78 panels of mounted editorial cartoons; 1 additional wooden crate; 2 cardboard boxes, and 1 packet containing various caricatures and editorial cartoons.
5. 2 wooden crates and package containing various diplomas, certificates, degrees and awards presented to Mr. Hoover.
6. 1 cardboard box and 1 wooden crate containing athletic trophies.
7. 3 cardboard boxes containing miscellaneous items including a model of Mr. Hoover's office at Vermont Avenue and K Street; material related to the book "Masters of Deceit" such as news articles, advertisements and editorials, and material for the "scrapbook."

Examination disclosed that only material identifiable with the above general categories was included and nothing synonymous with official files was contained therein. It is noted that in some instances articles and editorials contained file numbers of cases to which the items had some significance. Upon

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completion of the project, the containers, numbered in sequence, were returned to the same storage space.

Separate from the above material are 18 cardboard boxes stored in Special Projects Section space in the JEH Building which contain various awards presented to Mr. Hoover through the years. These awards were formerly displayed in the corridor and reception room leading to his office and a limited number of these items are displayed currently on the tour route.

These items have been inventoried and are stored awaiting disposition.

Will dated 7/19/71 of Mr. Hoover, made seven bequests and left the remainder of his estate to Clyde A. Tolson, who was also nominated as Executor of the estate. No mention was made of any property related to the memorabilia.

A codicil dated 9/6/73 to Mr. Tolson's will dated 8/14/72, noted that any and all memorabilia, medals, plaques, photos, or any and all other personal property which can be easily identified with the late John Edgar Hoover were bequeathed to his Executor who qualified at the time of his demise. Purpose was to install the memorabilia and personal property in the John Edgar Hoover Room in the new FBI Building and the Executor would be empowered with exclusive discretion and judgment as to items to be included. John Philip Mohr was nominated as Executor. Tolson's will is presently in litigation in D. C. Superior Court, Probate Division.

On 9/30/76 Mr. John J. McDermott, Assistant to the Director - Deputy Associate Director (Administration), designated Printing and Space Management Section of the Administrative Services Division as custodians of this property pending final determination as to ownership and disposition.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. McDermott

DATE: 9/16/76

FROM : H. N. Bassett

SUBJECT: AWARDS, CITATIONS, AND PERSONAL MEMORABILIA  
FORMERLY DISPLAYED IN THE LATE DIRECTOR HOOVER'S  
OFFICE

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Director Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

**PURPOSE:** To advise of Legal Counsel's opinion that certain boxes of personal memorabilia belonging to the late Director should be inventoried by Inspection Division.

**DETAILS:** As part of Administrative Services Division's continuing efforts to dispose of certain awards, citations and other personal memorabilia belonging to the late Director, an opinion was solicited from Mr. Mintz as to whether numerous boxes of newspaper clippings greeting cards, political cartoons, and the like (stored in the Old Post Office) could be categorized as "files" and turned over to Records Management Division (It was previously decided that various plaques and citations were "personal property" and should be referred to the Probate Court). Mr. Mintz advised that if the aforementioned boxes of newspaper clippings, greeting cards, etc. had been removed from Mr. Hoover's office after his death, even though innocuous in nature, they could be of interest to either the Department of Justice or some Congressional committee. He suggested that the contents be thoroughly inventoried by Inspection Division.

Mr. Mintz contacted Mr. Conley of the Inspection Division, and it was agreed that Inspection Division would initiate an inventory and review of the material in the boxes.

**RECOMMENDATION:** None. For information only.

- 1 - Mr. Conley
- 1 - Mr. Bassett
- 1 - Mr. Mintz

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RECEIPT FOR GOVERNMENT PROPERTY  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICEDate 8-7-1976I certify that I have received ☒ returned the following Government property for official use:

Bearer Card for J. Edgar Hoover

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12 PCReason for Returning: ☐ Absence for Maternity Reasons ☐ Military Leave ☐ Resignation ☐ Retiring

## READ

The Government property which you hereby acknowledge is charged to you and you are responsible for taking care of it and returning it when its use has been completed.

DO NOT MARK OR WRITE ON IT OR MUTILATE IT IN ANY WAY.

Very truly yours,

(Signature)

*David L. Divan*

(Typed name)

David L. Divan

10/11/76  
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TO BE FILED IN THE PERSONNEL FILE OF J. EDGAR HOOVER

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Director Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. Walsh

DATE: 4/1/76

FROM : G. S. McMichael

SUBJECT: PROPERTY ASSIGNED TO THE LATE DIRECTOR HOOVER

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise that the following items that were assigned to the late Director Hoover are in the safe in my office, Room 6823, JEH Building:

- (1) .32 Caliber Colt Pocket Positive revolver  
#156600 and holster.
- (2) List of Awards that hung in the corridor of his  
office in the Justice Building.
- (3) One book of Transportation Requests  
#3, 922, 501 - 3, 922, 510.
- (4) #1 Special Transportation Pass.

Numbers 1, 3 and 4 are official property.

For your information the Agents Badge #1 assigned to the late Director is still at the Smithsonian Institution. This was approved by memorandum Mr. Heim to Mr. Moore captioned "Smithsonian Institution Request for Bureau Cooperation on Bicentennial Exhibit" dated 2/19/75.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) The .32 Caliber Colt Pocket Positive revolver be forwarded to Quantico.

- (2) The Exhibits Section review the list of Awards that hung in the corridor of his office to determine whether or not they should be destroyed.



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1 - Mr. Mooney 1 - Mr. Dunphy 1 - Mrs. Bear

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Memo McMichael to Walsh  
Re: Property Assigned to the Late Director Hoover

(3) The book of Transportation Requests is out-of-date  
and should be destroyed.

*WV* *Done*

(4) The #1 Special Transportation Pass should be  
destroyed.

*WV* *Done*

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# AWARDS HANGING IN CORRIDOR

## Award

Testimonial (Sterling  
Silver Scroll

Optimist Creed

In appreciation of service to  
law enforcement and training  
of officers

In recognition and appreciation  
of notable contribution to Fire  
Service or our Nation and State  
of Indiana in particular. To  
symbolize their high esteem  
for the great patriotic endeavors  
of the FBI in peace and war.

Also Good Citizenship Medal

Jacob Hays Award for Out-  
standing Contribution in the  
Field of Crime Detection

1952 ACBoFA Credit Award  
"for outstanding services for the  
advancement and protection of  
the American way of life."

Annual Citation Award "for  
Outstanding service to the  
legal profession."

Americanism Award

## Type

Plaque

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## By Whom Presented

National Police Academy, 17th Session

Optimist International

Tennessee Department of Safety

Indiana Fire Chiefs Association

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Essex Council,  
Newark, New Jersey

"Detective" Magazine, by vote of American Newspaper  
Editors

Associated Credit Bureau of America, Inc.

Delta Theta Phi, Legal Fraternity (Douglas Senate)  
(John Marshall Law School), Chicago, Ill.

International Relations Club, St. Francis College,  
Brooklyn, New York

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5/14/53

<u>Award</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>By Whom Presented</u>	<u>Date</u>
Poem	Plaque	Presented by Virginia Gould (author of the poem)	1956
Award for Excellence (Sales Promotion Material to Random House, Inc. for "The FBI Story.")	Plaque	American Booksellers Association	1957
✓ Outstanding Americanism Award	Plaque	American Legion, Queens County, New York	5/1/57
Golden Rule Award	Plaque	St. George Association of America, Chapter 1, The Police Department, New York City	5/4/58
Outstanding Citizen's Award (1st award in history of organization for Director's work in interests of American youth.)	Plaque	National Sales Executives, Inc., New York, New York	5/19/58
Furtherance of Justice Award	Plaque	National Association of County and Prosecuting Attorneys	7/21/58
Certificate of Appreciation In recognition of his invaluable and unselfish services rendered to the National Bureau of Investigation.	Certificate	National Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Republic of the Philippines	7/4/58
"Conferred upon J. Edgar Hoover in appreciation for exceptional contributions on advancing the employment of the physically handicapped."	Citation for Meritorious	President's Committee on the Employment of the Physically Handicapped	9/16/58
n recognition of service of FBI in fight against Communism	Plaque	Great Council of the United States, Improved Order of Red Man and Degree of Pocohontas	9/21-26/

Award

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By Whom Presented

Date

Certificate of Appreciation  
(in appreciation and recognition  
of efforts in increasing "our  
knowledge.")

Plaque

FBI National Academy, 62nd Session

11/6/58

35 years of dedicated service  
to law enforcement

Plaque

FBI National Academy, 63rd Session

5/10/59

Public Personnel Award

Plaque

("The President of the United  
States cites with pleasure

J. Edgar Hoover for distinguished  
service in encouraging and promoting  
the employment of the physically  
handicapped.")

President's Committee on the Employment of the  
Physically Handicapped

6/10/59

For outstanding and conspicuous  
service to the Boys of America"

Plaque

Boys' Club, Inc., Prince George's County

6/17/59

In A. Dondero Memorial Award Plaque  
("First annual award "in recognition  
of outstanding contributions in  
field of scientific identification")

International Association for Identification

7/8/59

er of Saint Sebastian  
Plaque  
(only presented on those years  
when convention unanimously  
selects a recipient who has made  
distinguished and outstanding  
contributions to welfare and  
security of country and fellow men.)

Catholic War Veterans, USA

9/2/59

Distinguished Service Citation  
"In recognition of outstanding  
service on behalf of National  
Defense and the Reserve Officers  
Association.")

Citation

Reserve Officers Association of the United States

2.4 60

Award

Commends Director for his  
youth activities

Type

Resolution of City of Pico Rivera, California  
Commendation

By Whom Presented

Date

9/29/60

Salute ("for strengthening the

Plaque

African Methodist Episcopal Church, Quinn Chapel,  
Chicago, Illinois

4/18/60

public confidence in government  
by developing a federal agency  
unexcelled in efficiency and  
untainted by impropriety or  
suspicion; for securing the national  
safety by seeking out the enemies of  
the republic and shoring up the  
defense of the nation; for exemplifying  
the best traditions of democracy by  
exalting its standards and for providing  
equal protection to the rights of each  
individual, for dedicated service to  
God and Country. "

Key to city and letter signed by  
Mayor from people of Savannah,  
Georgia - letter of esteem

Key and letter Savannah, Georgia  
(framed)

7/13/60

The Man of the Year Award"

Plaque

Long Island Columbia Association. Inc.

7/11/60

Appreciation for efforts in  
advancement of profession

Plaque

Tennessee Law Enforcement Officers' Association

7/27/60

Appreciation of FBI National  
Academy 25th Anniversary,  
7-29-35 7-29-60

Plaque

Arkansas National Academy Associates

7/29/60

25th Anniversary of FBI NA

Certificate  
(framed)

FBI National Academy Associates, Georgia Chapter

9/29/60

<u>Award</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>By Whom Presented</u>	<u>Date</u>
Resolution	Resolution (framed)	FBI National Academy Associates, Pennsylvania Chapter	7-29-60
In appreciation and honorary membership	Plaque	Tennessee and Mississippi Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, Inc.	8/24/60
President's Merit Award	Award (framed)	The American Legion Press Association	10/16/60
For article "One Nation's Response to Communism"	Vigilant Patriot Award	All American Conference to Combat Communism	11/11/60
Resolution passed by Society in convention in Miami, Florida (done by Michael Piugl)	Resolution (framed)	Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Inc.	12/2/60
Annual USA Award (1961) "In grateful recognition of unselfish contributions to The American Heritage and to the youth who shoulder its growth and bear its arms; and for distinguished service to the welfare of the nation."	Plaque	United Service Organizations, Inc.	3/14/61
Loyalty Day Award	Citation (framed)	Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, District of Columbia	5/1/61
Loyalty Day Award	Plaque	Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, District of Columbia	5/1/61
International Freedom Award (1st annual)	Plaque	Freedom Festival, Detroit, Michigan, and Windsor, Canada	6/1961



<u>Award</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>By Whom Presented</u>	<u>Date</u>
For cooperation received from Bureau	Resolution (framed)	Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Associates, Inc.	7/4/6
Quarter Century Award "Having completed twentyfive years of service to youth The Catholic Youth Organization of New York bestows its Quarter Century Award upon J. Edgar Hoover as a true American who has been an unflinching inspiration and example to youth throughout the CYO's quarter century of existence."	Plaque	Catholic Youth Organization of New York	1/18/
Citation of high esteem	Citation	National Religious Broadcasters, Inc.	1/23/6
National Public Service Award (First awarded for public service to the nation)	Plaque	Ohio Newspaper Association	2/9/62
National Wheelmaster Award	Plaque	Safety First Club of Maryland	5/9/62
1962 Annual Americanism Award	Plaque	The American Legion, Department of Maryland	7/20/62
Depicts the credential used by the Mexican Secret Service	Plaque	From Eduardo Estrado Ojeda, Chief of the Secret Service, Headquarters of Police, Mexico, D. F., Mexico	8/29/62
Insignia of the Thailand National Police, presented by Major Serm Charuratana while attending FBI National Academy on behalf of Lt. Gen. Prachuab Kiratibutra, Commissioner, Metropolitan Police, National Police of Thailand.	Plaque	Thailand National Police	8/31/62

<u>Award</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>By Whom Presented</u>	<u>Date</u>
Outstanding Patriot Award	Plaque	Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc.	11/2/62
In appreciation for courtesy upon his visit to Bureau	Plaque	From Brigadier General Marcos Soliman, Director, National Intelligence Coordinating Agency, Manila, Republic of Philippines	11/26/62
50th Anniversary of Girl Scouts	Plaque	Girl Scouts of the United States of America	1/8/63
As result of questionnaire sent to station managers asking their recommendation as to awards for programs on NBC "Monitor," majority selected FBI program as far most popular	Gold Record	National Broadcasting Company	1/14/63
Man of the Year" Award	Plaque	Cheyney State College General Alumni Association	5-25-63
Distinguished Service Award	Plaque	United Veterans Council, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	11/11/63
Gold Medal Plaque (marked 5th straight year Director received award for articles and speeches) and plates designating each year received Distinguished Service Award thereafter.)	Plaque	Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge	1963, 19 1966, 19 1969, 19
Honorary Life Membership	Membership	Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Company of Alexandria, Virginia	1/18/64
Young Life Award	Plaque	Young Life Campaign	2.6 64
For article "Communism -- the Incredible Swindle"	Vigilant Patriot Award	All-American Conference to Combat Communism	3.12 64

<u>Award</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>By Whom Presented</u>	<u>Date</u>
Annual Recognition Award	Plaque	Pacific Students Presidents Association	4/30/64
Remarks of President Lyndon B. Johnson honoring Director on his 40th Anniversary as Director of the FBI at the White House	Framed		5-8-64
Great Seal of the State of Mississippi	Plaque	Presented to Director on occasion of his trip to Jackson, Mississippi, when office was opened there.	7-10-64
Commending Director for efforts in fighting subversion	Certificate of Appreciation and Resolution (framed)	Girls' State of Mississippi	7/29/64
Poem "Leave God in the Sky" by Mrs. David B. Shulman	Scroll (made by Piugel)	Dr. and Mrs. David B. Shulman	9/22/64
From Chief Supt. Peter J. Mathews, Catford Division, Metropolitan Police, Catford, London, England, following his tour of FBI facilities.	Plaque	London Metropolitan Police Insignia	10/9/64
American of the Year Award	Plaque	Americanism Educational League	10/28/64
Appreciation and admiration to J. Edgar Hoover from many Florida friends	Plaque (in outline of state of Florida)	Presented by Mr. Robert W. Rutledge, Executive Vice President and General Manager, Florida Citrus Mutual, Lakeland, Florida	1/19/65

<u>Award</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>By Whom Presented</u>	<u>Date</u>
From State of Michigan	Proclamation (framed)	Booth Newspaper Editors	4/15/65
Honorary Membership	Certificate (framed)	Anti-Communist Confederation of Polish Freedom Fighters in U.S.A., Inc.	5/3/65
Honorary Member of the Patrols	Plaque	School Safety Patrols, American Automobile Assoc.	5/6/65
American Patriot's Hall of Fame Award	Plaque	San Diego Patriotic Society	5/10/65
Certificate for Meritorious Service	Plaque	Fraternal Order of Police	5/11/65
In honor of 30th Anniversary of the FBI National Academy	Plaque	FBI National Academy Associates of Illinois	7/7/65
Plaque and membership	Plaque	Mission, Kansas, Police Cadet Officers	8/17/65
ears replica of SA badge "To J. Edgar Hoover from: Bahram Forouhari, 1st Lt., National Police of Iran, 1965" and presented by 1st Lt. Gholam-Ali Eshghipoor on behalf of Forouhari.	Copper Tray	National Police of Iran	10/4/65
2 Award 1965	Plaque	Illinois Club for Catholic Women	10/29/65
Field of the Royal Military Police	Plaque	Chief J.C.P. Fest, Royal Military Police, Nijmegen, Netherlands (for birthday)	1/10/66

<u>Award</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>By Whom Presented</u>	<u>Date</u>
Copy of Congressional Charter granted to the Boy Scouts of America, Golden Anniversary of Charter, given to Director in appreciation, as met Director and presented plaque to him.	Plaque	Boy Scouts of America, "Report to the Nation" Scouts	2/11/66
"In appreciation of service rendered to the Twentieth Annual Boys Nation, The American Legion, held at Washington, D. C., July 16-23, 1965.	Certificate of Appreciation	Boys Nation, the American Legion	4/20/66
Industry Service Award (13th Annual) "for outstanding contributions to the Nation and its Youth"	Plaque	Billiard and Bowling Institute of America	4/22/66
Commending Director on his 42nd Anniversary as Director of the FBI	Plaque	Coastal Empire Law Enforcement Officers Association, Savannah, Georgia	5/10/66
Outstanding Citizen Award	Plaque	The American Legion, Chicago Stock Yards Post 333	5/22/66
Award for service	Certificate	Reserve Officers Association, USA, Department of Virginia	6/2/66
Leadership in law enforcement	Plaque	FBI National Academy Associates, Northeastern Section	7/6/66
Abraham Lincoln Award"	Plaque	Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police	7/25/66

<u>Award</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>By Whom Presented</u>	<u>Date</u>
The Jaycee Creed	Plaque	U. S. Jaycees	8/10/6
Honorary Membership	Plaque	The Hundred Club of Massachusetts, Inc.	9/30/6
Commendation of FBI National Academy	Plaque (Resolution)	The American Legion	10/7/6
Commendation of Director and FBI	Plaque (Resolution)	The American Legion	10/7/6
Commendation of FBI and Warner Brothers for "The FBI" Television program	Plaque (Resolution)	The American Legion	10/7/6
Certificate of Distinction	Certificate (framed)	Kappa Alpha Order	11/1/66
Honorary Membership	Plaque	Hundred Club of Connecticut, Inc.	12/10/6
Inscribed: "Presented to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, In Appreciation, Major General Mohsen Mobasser"	Metal Tray (ornate)	From Major General Mohsen Mobasser, Chief, National Police, Administration of Iran	1/19/67
Plaque of J. Edgar Hoover Award	Plaque	Veterans of Foreign Wars	3/3/67
or unfailing support	Plaque	Boy Scouts of America, Troop No. 31, Maple Glen School, Washington, D. C.	3/29/67
Commending Director and extending invitation to Director to address the General Assembly during 1967	House Joint Resolution No. 27	Tennessee Legislature	3/29/67

Award

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Type

By Whom Presented

Distinguished Service Award

Plaque

Kiwanis Club of Canton, Ohio

Date  
5/2/67

"The Kiwanis Club of Canton, Ohio, is extremely proud to present this award to Hon. J. Edgar Hoover as a token of appreciation for outstanding FBI guidance, given this 2nd day of May, 1967."

tation on 43rd Anniversary as  
Director of FBI

Plaque

Tennessee State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police

5/9/67

resented on Arnold's behalf by  
Detective Sergeant S. L. Miller  
while attending 79th Session of  
FBI National Academy

Plaque

Chief Commissioner R. H. Arnold, Victoria Police  
Force, Melbourne, Australia

5/10/67

resented to Director by Sgt.  
Donald E. Mayhew, member  
of 79th Session FBI NA on  
behalf of Governor Norbert T.  
Tiemann and Congressman  
Robert V. Denney, Nebraska,  
also present.

Certificate  
(Admiral of  
Great Navy  
of the State  
of Nebraska)  
State of Nebraska

5/23/67

Appreciation

Plaque

FBI National Academy, 79th Session

6/7/67

tribute to "The FBI" television  
program because of the  
wholesome entertainment and  
service it has brought to the  
American public

Plaque

TV Guide

6/19/67

on of Director's 50th  
Anniversary of service 7/26/67

Plaque

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation

6/22/67

<u>Award</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>By Whom Presented</u>	<u>Date</u>
Benjamin Franklin Award Presented to outstanding American for excellence in leadership, law enforcement, crime prevention, and community achievement	Plaque	High Twelve International	6/26/67
Acknowledgement of contribu- tion to Foundation	Plaque	Little League Baseball, Inc., Little League Foundation	6/1/67 MS
Meetings	Plaque	Girls Nation of the American Legion Auxiliary	8/4/67
Interfraternity Award	Plaque	Alpha Delta Gamma	8/23/67
Inspiration-to-Youth Award	Plaque	League of John XXIII	9/9/67 MS
Appreciation and tribute (also received silver tray)	Plaque	Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Inc.	9/28/67
Recommendation of Director	Plaque (Resolution)	The American Legion	10/12/67
Recommendation of FBI	Plaque (Resolution)	The American Legion	10/12/67
Honorary membership	Plaque	National District Attorneys Association	11/15/67
USS" McLaughry Award (Presented for purpose of honoring one whose background fits plaque's inscription, "The highest of distinctions in service to others.")	Plaque	American Football Coaches Association	12/4/67



<u>Award</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>By Whom Presented</u>	<u>Date</u>
Honoring Federal Bureau of Investigation Law Enforcement Program, Governmental Unit Activity 1968	Gold Medal Award	Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge	1968 //
Service Award (Service to Mankind) "Divine Providence watches over the United States of America; great patriots have been sent in the hour of our country's need! One of the most illustrious sons of the U.S.A. is Director John Edgar Hoover...." (for Director's birthday 1/1/68)	Plaque	Sertoma International	1/22/6
J. Edgar Hoover Day	Proclamation	State of Alabama in conjunction with Abba Shrine Temple	3/4/68
Active Life Membership	Plaque	National Sheriffs' Association	3/18/68
1. The "Musical Ride," a Royal Canadian Mounted Police performing group which has achieved world-wide recognition for outstanding horsemanship and spectacular military marching techniques, is shown demonstrating its skills in the march past.	2 pictures (framed)	Deputy Commissioner William Henry Kelly, Royal Canadian Mounted Police	4/9/68
2. Superintendent Norman O. Jones (retired), former head of the RCMP, is shown ready to lead the "Musical Ride" a performing group of mounted officers who have demonstrated their skills in cities throughout the world. (Inscribed)			

<u>Award</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>By Whom Presented</u>	<u>Date</u>
in appreciation of his having attended FBI National Academy (Seal of National Academy)	Plaque	Director Alfredo Zapata, National Police of El Salvador	4/19/68
Golden Badge Award, Most Outstanding Peace Officer in the United States	Plaque	Alabama Peace Officers Association	6/17/68
Certificate of Merit	Plaque	National Police Officers Association	6/28/68
Certificate of Appointment as Honorary Member (Accepted for Director by Assistant Director T. E. Bishop)	Certificate	Noncommissioned Officers Association of the U.S.A.	8/7/68
Greetings	Plaque	Girls Nation of the American Legion Auxiliary	8/8/68
Sincere Appreciation for "Service"	Plaque	Boy Scouts of America	9/17/68
Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate (first) (Medal sent to house)	Certificate (Framed)	Sons of the American Revolution	10/16/68
Chief of National Bureau of Investigation, presented on behalf of Director Jolly R. Bugarin	Plaque	National Bureau of Investigation, Manila, Philippines	10/28/68
Honorary Membership	Certificate	International Association for Identification, North Carolina Division	11/10/68
presented at same time as Certificate of honorary membership	Code of Ethics	International Association for Identification, North Carolina Division	11/10/68

<u>Award</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>By Whom Presented</u>	<u>Date</u>
From a grateful American	Plaque	Sent to Director by Maurice Dynner, L.S.I. Rep., 210th Cab. Flt. Det., Box 125, APO San Francisco 96530	11-27-68
Resolution adopted 10/1268	Resolution (framed)	Congressional Medal of Honor Society	12/9/68
For loyal and dedicated service to country	Plaque	Rosemead, California, Chamber of Commerce	12/9/68
Declaration of Independence	Plaque	Sent to Director by James F. Zahner	12/20/68
'Gratefully presented in recognition of great moral and material contributions to the cause of juvenile decency through example, leadership, and practice'	Plaque	Boys Clubs of America	3/19/69
Americanism Award (50th Anniversary of the organization)	Plaque	American Legion, Westchester County Chapter	3/22/69
'Presented... in appreciation of his dedicated service to freedom, patriotism, and justice and to the defense and preservation of our republic. April 24, 1969'	Engraved silver tray	Union Central Life Insurance Company	4-25-69
Congratulation" (1924 - 1969)	Plaque	Jackson Office, FBI	5-10-69
Appreciation for service	Plaque	FBI Laboratory	5-10-69
Service Award and Honorary membership	Plaque	Maryland State's Attorneys Association	6/14/69

<u>Award</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>By Whom Presented</u>	<u>Date</u>
In appreciation to J. Edgar Hoover and Staff of the Legal Section in the Training Division	Plaque	Members of Pilot Program for Police Law Specialists	6/2 - 27
Sent by letter from Chief Gaddis Wall in appreciation for all Director has done for the Canal Zone Police over the years.	Plaque	Canal Zone Police	6/25/69
Visited Director prior to General's retirement and presented Director enameled Air Force plaque as memento of occasion.	Plaque	Air Force, U. S. (Presented by General John P. McConnell)	7/17/69
Law and Order Award (plaque and medal) (first awarded) - "for dedicated service and outstanding accomplishments in preserving law and order while serving as Director of FBI this 21st Day of July 1969"	Plaque	Order of the Stars and Bars	7/21/69
Greetings	Plaque	Girls Nation of the American Legion Auxiliary	8/13/69
To Director and FBI in appreciation for cooperation in combating interstate crime in motor carrier industry	Plaque	National Association of Transportation Security Officers	9/4/69
In honor of Director's years of service to law enforcement	Plaque	Tri-County Police Association of Pennsylvania	10 7/69

<u>Award</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>By Whom Presented</u>	<u>Date</u>
Resolution #400 commending FBI and Director, adopted at their convention in August 1969	Plaque	The American Legion	10/13/69
Resolution #458 commending FBI and Director, adopted at their convention in August 1969	Plaque	The American Legion	10/13/69
Dedicated their convention to Director in recognition of his outstanding leadership and dedication to law enforcement for past 45 years	Engraved Name Bowl	New Mexico Sheriffs and Police Association	10/20/69
Outstanding American Award and honorary life membership	Scroll	Los Angeles Philanthropic Foundation	11/13/69
Director's birthday, 1/1/70	Portrait of Director	Presented to Director by Assistant to the Director Captain D. DeLoach and Assistant Directors Thomas E. Bishop, Al Rosen, William C. Sullivan, and James E. Gale	12/9/69
Director's speech on "Violence" - Vigilant Patriot Award	Certificate	All-American Conference to Combat Communism	12/10/69
Awards of Congress of United States March 4, 1789 in form of plaque	Plaque	Sent to Director by James F. Zahner	1 5 70
Seal of Illinois State Police	Plaque	Illinois State Police	1 29 70

Award

Type

By Whom Presented

Date

Recognition Award "for  
recognizing the role of the  
press in law enforcement"

Plaque

Tennessee Press Association

1/30/70

for efforts to preserve Justice,  
Freedom and Equality

Plaque

The American Legion, Department of North Carolina

3/2/70

testimonial on 53 years service  
in Justice and 46 years as  
Director of FBI

Plaque

St. Thomas More Holy Name Society

3/3/70

commemoration of Director's  
49th Masonic Birthday  
(raised 11/9/20)

Plaque

Presented to Director by Luigi Russo and  
Domenick M. Rufo

3/25/70

for tenure as National Honorary  
President of the Association

Plaque

Boys Town Alumni Association

4/27/70

award (accepted by Assistant  
Director Thomas E. Bishop  
on behalf of Director)

Plaque

Knights of Columbus, Milwaukee Wisconsin

4/30/70

presented by Inspector Louis G.  
Pantry, Washington Liaison  
representative, upon his  
departing United States, in  
appreciation of the cooperation  
extended.

Plaque

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

6/9/70

man to emulate as one of the  
outstanding Americans of all  
time. This plaque is presented  
in appreciation for a lifetime of  
service and devotion to our  
country."

Plaque

Boy Scout Explorer Post No. 533, Fort Campbell,

6/22/70

<u>Award</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>By Whom Presented</u>	<u>Date</u>
1970 Law Enforcement Award (first annual award)	Plaque	Police Recorder Magazine and Consolidated Publications	7/22/70
Sent to Director by Admiral Tran Van Chon, Vietnamese Naval Operations, Saigon, Republic of Vietnam, by Lieutenant Commander Chu Ba Yen	Plaque (Seal)	South Vietnamese Naval Security Bloc	10/12/71
Adopted at annual convention at Anaheim, California, com- mending and recognizing Director for his continued and outstanding service to his country and all its people	Resolution (framed)	Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Inc.	10/24/71
Adopted at annual convention held at Anaheim, California (Disneyland)	Resolution (framed)	Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Inc.	10/24/71 (present. 2/25/77)
Award of Honor (in recognition of Director's outstanding and dedicated service in law enforcement)	Plaque	Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Associates, Inc.	12/4/70
In recognition of contributions to the new officers	Certificate of Apprecia- tion	South Bend Police Academy	12/8/70
To show support and recognize Director for his outstanding contributions to law enforcement in the State of Georgia	Certificate	Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police	1/11/71

<u>Award</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>By Whom Presented</u>	<u>Date</u>
Recognizing Director for his outstanding contributions to law enforcement in the State of Georgia (also membership)	Plaque	Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police	1/11/71
"Presented... for leading the way to professionalism in law enforcement throughout the world. Mitchell Ware, Supt. of Ill. Bur. of Invest.; Herbert D. Brown, Director, Dept. of Law Enforcement, State of Illinois."	Plaque	Illinois Bureau of Investigation	2/10/71
"...in grateful recognition of his devoted service to our country by exemplifying the true spirit of American patriotism over a long career and in establishing and maintaining a distinguished and effective Bureau that has vigorously defended the true principles of our country and its citizens."	Testimonial	BPO Elks Lodge #295, Warren, Ohio	3/5/71
Patrolmen's Rank and File Award (for dedication to law enforcement)	Plaque	Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, New York City	5/3/71
Citation	Plaque	The American Legion, Department of Rhode Island	5/13/71
Commending and supporting Director	Resolution	Sertoma Clubs of Winston-Salem	5/13/71
Reaffirm continued support of and confidence in the Director (2 resolutions presented)	Resolution	Knights of Columbus, Maryland State Council	5/22/71



<u>Award</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>By Whom Presented</u>	<u>Date</u>
Honoring Director for service to the nation	Plaque	Fort Pitt Lodge Number 1, Fraternal Order of Police, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	5/29/71
"for the outstanding support and continuous cooperation provided the Ohio State Highway Patrol throughout the years."	Plaque	Ohio State Highway Patrol	6/16/71
On occasion of 54th Anniversary in Department of Justice)	Plaque	FBI Employees, Minneapolis Division (SAC Richard G. Heia)	7/26/71
Also honorary membership	Plaque	Civilian Club of Crossett, Arkansas	8/30/71
Outstanding American of the Decade Award	Plaque	South Shore Constables Association	9/3/71
Resolution supporting Director and FBI	Plaque	Society of Professional Investigators	9/8/71
Adopted at Convention at Atlanta, Georgia, expressing support of Director and FBI against attacks	Resolution (framed)	Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Inc.	10/2/71 (present 11/5/71)
Adopted at Convention at Atlanta, Georgia, thanking Director for sending representatives	Resolution (framed)	Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Inc.	10/2/71 (present 11/5/71)
100th Annual Patriotic Award	Plaque	Optimist Club of Seymour, Tennessee	10/15/71
Presented to Director on occasion of their 78th Annual Conference, Anaheim, California, 9/25-30/71	Plaque	International Association of Chiefs of Police	11/3/71 (received)

<u>Award</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>By Whom Presented</u>	<u>Date</u>
With sincere appreciation for his assistance to and cooperation with the United States Marshal Service, Wayne B. Colburn, Director" (Presented to Director at graduation exercises of FBI National Academy on 11/3/71)	Plaque	United States Marshals Service, U. S. Department of Justice	11/3/71
honorary Membership (also given shoulder patch "Piedmont Council North Carolina")	Plaque	Troop 289, Lower Creek, Lenoir, North Carolina, Boy Scouts of America	11/26/71
resented by Colonel Hoand Ngoc Lung, Plaque Assistant Chief of Staff, Royal Vietnamese Air Force, Intelligence and Security Group		Presented by Colonel Lung in appreciation of briefing given him and members of his staff by Bureau	12/13/71
tation of Appreciation and Merit (recipient in Federal Government) (Accepted on behalf of Director by Asst. Dir. John F. Malone, NYO)	Plaque	Presented by Grand Council of Steuben Associations	12-8/71
resolution in honor of SAC Ralph W. Bachman, Newark, who was retiring	Framed	The New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police	12-2-71
honorary membership lifetime) (One signed by Director on 11-17-70)	Plaque	Illustrious William E. Gibbs, Past Potentate, Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport, Connecticut	2-8-72

<u>Award</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>By Whom Presented</u>	<u>Date</u>
(Presented when Director saw Chief Davis)	Official Emblem of Police Chiefs of Calif.	Mr. Raymond C. Davis, Chief of Police, Walnut Creek, California 94596	4-27-72
Plaque (presented at conclusion of their talks with Domestic Intelligence Division officials)	Plaque	Major General Pravitr Ngarm-Ukos, Provost Marshal . General, Royal Thai Army, and Lt. Col. Vichien Krabuanyutha, Commander, First Military Police Battalion, Provost Marshal, First Military Circle, Royal Thai Army	4-25-72

Hangings in Corridor (unidentified)

Motto (framed)

Plaque

"When the going gets tough, the tough get going."  
United States Naval War College  
(From Richard E. Berlin)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Walsh

DATE: 4/7/76

FROM : *GSM* G. S. McMichael

SUBJECT: LIST OF AWARDS THAT HUNG IN THE CORRIDOR  
OF THE LATE DIRECTOR HOOVER'S OFFICE

Assoc. Dir. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dep. Asst. Dir. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dep. AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dep. AD Inv. \_\_\_\_\_  
Asst. Dir.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Comp. Syst. \_\_\_\_\_  
Ext. Affairs \_\_\_\_\_  
Files & Com. \_\_\_\_\_  
Gen. Inv. \_\_\_\_\_  
Ident. \_\_\_\_\_  
Inspection \_\_\_\_\_  
Intell. \_\_\_\_\_  
Laboratory \_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Coun. \_\_\_\_\_  
Plan. & Eval. \_\_\_\_\_  
Spec. Inv. \_\_\_\_\_  
Training \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Rm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Director Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

Reference is made to memorandum G. S. McMichael to Mr. Walsh dated 4/1/76 captioned "Property Assigned to the Late Director Hoover."

Under recommendation #2 which stated, "The Exhibits Section review the list of Awards that hung in the corridor of his office to determine whether or not they should be destroyed," Director Kelley wrote the following, "I would like to see the list and perhaps have some retained."

The list is attached for the Director's review and recommendations.

GSM/sam  
(3) Enc.  
1 - Mr. Dunphy

APPROVED: *[Signature]*  
Assoc. Dir. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dep. AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Asst. Dir.: \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : Mr. Jenkins

DATE: 6-19-74

FROM : J. J. McDermott

SUBJECT: H. R. 1817; PUBLIC LAW 93-309  
AN ACT TO STRIKE NATIONAL MEDALS  
TO HONOR J. EDGAR HOOVER

Reference my memorandum to you, 5-29-74, entitled "The Congressional Record, May 28, 1974," in which it was reported that the Senate had passed and cleared for the President H. R. 1817, for the striking of national medals to honor the late J. Edgar Hoover. Attached is a copy of the Act which was signed into law by the President on June 8, 1974. The Act authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to cause such medals to be struck and to be sold to the general public, under such rules and regulations as he may provide, at a price not less than the estimated cost of manufacture material.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum be referred to the Administrative and the Intelligence Divisions and to Mr. Ponder, President of the FBIRA, for appropriate handling.

ENCLOSURE

## Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Callahan - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. McDermott - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Walsh - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Wannall - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Ponder - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Dunphy - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Boynton - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Bowers - Enclosure

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Public Law 93-309  
93rd Congress, H. R. 1817  
June 8, 1974

## An Act

88 STAT. 234

To provide for the striking of national medals to honor the late J. Edgar Hoover.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, in honor of the late J. Edgar Hoover, the Secretary of the Treasury (hereafter referred to as the "Secretary") shall make available medals in accordance with this Act. The medals authorized under this Act are national medals within the meaning of section 3351 of the Revised Statutes (31 U.S.C. 368). *Commemorative medals.*

Rev. Stat. 3551.

SEC. 2. The medals shall bear such emblems, devices, and inscriptions, shall be of such size or sizes, shall be made of such materials, and shall be made in such quantity, as the Secretary may determine.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall cause such medals to be struck, and he shall cause them to be sold to the general public, under such rules and regulations as he may provide, at a price not less than the estimated cost of manufacture, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses. *Cost.*

Approved June 8, 1974.

### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

HOUSE REPORT No. 93-666 (Comm. on Banking and Currency).  
SENATE REPORT No. 93-872 (Comm. on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs).  
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:  
Vol. 119 (1973): Dec. 3, considered and passed House.  
Vol. 120 (1974): May 28, considered and passed Senate.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. MOHR

FROM : W. M. FELT

SUBJECT: SUITABLE PORTRAIT OF  
J. EDGAR HOOVER

DATE: 5-9-72

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*L. Murphy*

Acting Director L. Patrick Gray, III, has instructed that a portrait of Mr. Hoover should be hung in a suitable place in the Director's Office. He said that if we did not have a suitable portrait we should have one commissioned.

I do not feel that we have a suitable portrait and I think you should designate someone to explore suitable talent and the approximate cost of such a portrait so that recommendations can be submitted to the Acting Director.

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# Memorandum

TO: Mr. Callahan

FROM: J. P. Dunphy

SUBJECT: PORTRAIT OF  
J. EDGAR HOOVER

DATE: June 13, 1972

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*J. P. Dunphy*

Purpose of this communication is to recommend contact with portrait artist, J. Anthony Wills, Houston, Texas, to discuss the commissioning of a portrait of Mr. Hoover.

Mr. Felt's memorandum to Mr. Mohr dated 5/9/72, captioned as above, indicated that Acting Director L. Patrick Gray, III, instructed a portrait of Mr. Hoover be hung in the Director's Office; that if a suitable portrait was not available such should be commissioned. Mr. Felt being of the opinion such a portrait was not available thought suitable talent should be explored and approximate cost be determined so recommendations could be submitted to the Acting Director.

Extensive research at the National Portrait Gallery resulted in the review of available material of 35 artists whose work or reputation appeared to merit consideration. Of these, J. Anthony Wills, Houston, Texas, appears to have an appropriate style for a portrait of Mr. Hoover.

Limited inquiry has been made at Houston, Texas, Mr. Wills, and the attached booklet containing samples of his paintings was obtained. It should be noted he did the official White House portrait of former President Eisenhower (color photo attached), as well as paintings of Mrs. Eisenhower, George Marshall, Ben Hogan, and numerous business executives, Governors, Senators and Cabinet officers.

Mr. Wills will paint from photographs, and his fees average between \$10,000 and \$15,000, the price being contingent largely upon the size of the portrait and the amount of detailed work required in it. He is presently working on a portrait of Dr. Milton Eisenhower.

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Memorandum to Mr. Callahan  
RE: PORTRAIT OF J. EDGAR HOOVER

Bureau files contain no reference to Wills, as well as the files of the Houston Division. Local law enforcement agencies checks were negative. He was born 6/13/12 at Berwyn, Pennsylvania, and currently resides with his wife Dorothy at 3126 Kettering Street, with a studio located at 3711 San Felipe Street, Apartment 12-G, in Houston.



If the works of Mr. Wills appear appropriate, the next step to be taken is to contact Mr. Wills directly to thoroughly discuss his willingness to accept a commission and receive his estimates of the cost for same as well as the requirements with respect to this, such as his recommendations as to size, type of background, etc.

RECOMMENDATION

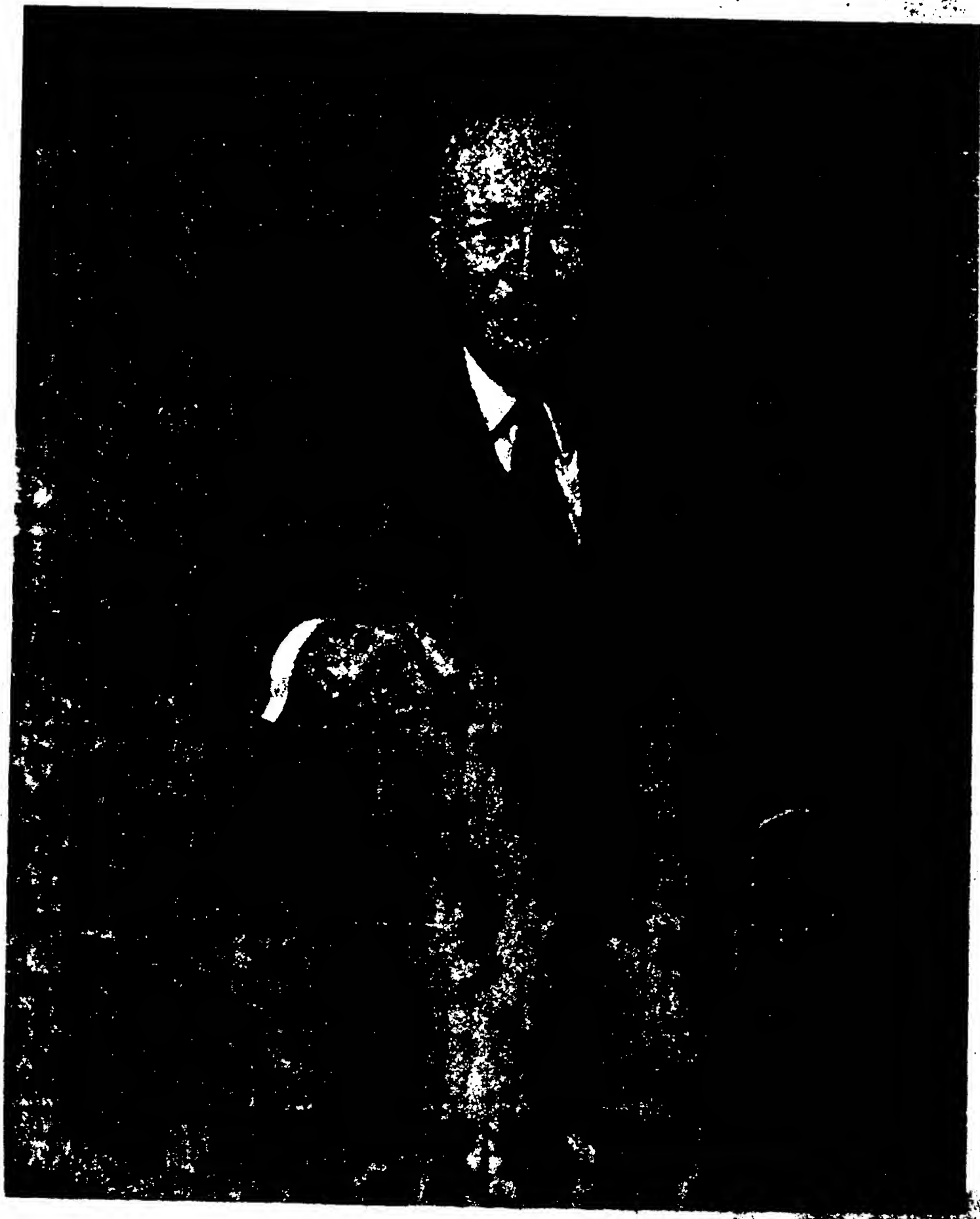
That the Houston office contact Mr. Wills in line with the above.

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handle from this point on to ascertain  
all that must be learned prior to  
decision & contract Jm. 6/14  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Felt

FROM : D. J. Dalbey

SUBJECT : J. EDGAR HOOVER  
PORTRAIT OF

DATE: 7/10/72

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Mr. Kinley ☒  
Mr. Armstrong ☒  
Ms. Herwig ☒  
Mrs. Neenan ☒

This memorandum sets out information believed pertinent to captioned subject and recommends an initial course of action.

The Acting Director instructed that a portrait be painted. The Administrative Division, working with Mr. Robert Stewart, Curator, National Portrait Gallery, whittled a list of approximately 100 portrait artists down to five and then suggested that the portrait be painted by Mr. J. Anthony Wills of Houston, Texas. Wills is unquestionably outstanding; samples of his work are included with the attached memorandum of 6/13/72 from Mr. Dunphy to Mr. Callahan.

Referenced memorandum suggested that the Houston Office discuss the matter with Mr. Wills. The Acting Director said, "No. Office of Legal Counsel should handle from this point on to ascertain all that must be learned prior to decision and contract." Office of Legal Counsel will recommend a different approach.

I have discussed the matter with Mr. Pellerzi, Assistant Attorney General for Administration, and with Mr. Stewart, Curator of the National Portrait Gallery. Mr. Pellerzi is knowledgeable because he is charged with obtaining a portrait of each outgoing Attorney General. The pertinent points of information are the following:

1. Price - Mr. Pellerzi believes that a fine portrait can be had for \$5,000, bearing in mind that the artist will work from photographs and thus eliminate the tedious and difficult "sitting" process involved in painting a live subject. The Department has a standard price of \$5,000 for the portrait of each resigning Attorney General. Mr. Stewart thinks \$5,000 will not do the job. He mentioned prices of \$6,000 to \$8,000 for portraits of famous persons now being painted and suggests that to get the best we should be prepared to pay \$10,000. Referenced memorandum states that Mr. Wills charges \$10,000 to \$15,000.

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Memorandum D. J. Dalbey to Mr. Felt  
Re: J. Edgar Hoover  
Portrait of

2. Raising the Money - We have no funds in the budget to pay for this portrait. Mr. Pellerzi recommends against requesting such funds in the budget, stating that we would invite a lot of sniping from the floor of Congress. The Department's portrait fund is not available for a portrait of any person below Cabinet level. This leaves us to raising the money by subscription among the Bureau employees or finding an outside donor. I think the latter may be available. I recently had an unsolicited call from John J. Grady, a friend of long standing who is either President or immediate Past President of the local chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents. Grady told me that top circles in the Society are discussing what they might do to provide a suitable memorial for Mr. Hoover. I then broached this possibility to him on a confidential basis, and he was enthusiastic, stating that the Society could easily raise this kind of money.

3. Acceptance of Gift - The FBI is not one of those many Federal agencies authorized by statute to accept gifts. Mr. Pellerzi said this would be no problem. The Department of Justice is authorized to accept gifts and could accept the gift for the FBI.

4. Choosing the Artist - Both Mr. Stewart and Mr. Pellerzi said the act of choosing the artist is a most delicate one. The work of no artist will please everyone, and the voices of dissent are apt to be many. For example, President Johnson rejected the portrait of himself painted by the renowned artist, Peter Hurd. The "avant garde" painting of former Attorney General Katzenbach which hangs in this building shocked many, amused others, and apparently pleased a few. Ethel Kennedy picked the artist for the portrait of her late husband but did not like the finished product and would not release it to the Department of Justice, so it now hangs in the National Portrait Gallery. The Department has no portrait of Ramsey Clark because he walked out in a huff when the portrait was half finished, so the result is that the Department has paid the artist \$3,000 and has no portrait.

Because of the above considerations I suggest that no person in the FBI should choose the artist. Mr. Pellerzi said it is Department policy, for the reasons obvious above, to leave the selection of the artist to the family. Mr. Stewart agreed. The family in Mr. Hoover's case should be three to five

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Memorandum D. J. Dalbey to Mr. Felt  
Re: J. Edgar Hoover  
Portrait of

"old-timers" such as Miss Gandy, Mr. Tolson, and Louis B. Nichols, who knew Mr. Hoover so long and so well through so many decades. They should select the artist from among up to half a dozen possibilities. Brochures of each artist's work can be supplied to them so that they can choose the one whose style seems the best suited.

If persons of the above type will not serve/<sup>and</sup> the Society of Former Special Agents will donate the portrait, the Society can pick its own selection committee.

Whatever the committee or jury they have two ways of proceeding as follows:

- A. A contract with an artist selected by the committee.
- B. An announced contest for portrait painters by which the committee will not choose the artist but will choose the portrait from among those submitted.

Mr. Pellerzi likes the contest idea, Mr. Stewart does not. Stewart points out that the contest will be entered by a lot of second-raters and that, in his opinion, some first-rate artists are apt to be too proud to enter. All of this could cause many problems. I agree with Stewart.

5. Terms of Contract - The contract must provide in its terms for possible rejection by the committee. Both Pellerzi and Stewart so recommend, although Stewart says the possibility of rejection is quite small because there are artistic negotiations between the artist and the committee in which the artist submits possible sketches until an agreement is reached. The rejection clause should contain provision for a "consolation" payment of a relatively small sum such as \$1,000 in the case the portrait is rejected. Both Pellerzi and Stewart have contract forms suitable for use in this case.

6. Size of Portrait - Mr. Pellerzi has no particular views. Mr. Stewart likes life-size, half length. Other sizes are full length (standing) and bust. The size should be specified in this contract.

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Memorandum D. J. Dalbey to Mr. Felt  
Re: J. Edgar Hoover  
Portrait of

7. Caution - Mr. Stewart suggests that we keep this matter as quiet as possible so that no one will be besieged with offers to paint the portrait.

8. Summary - It seems to me at this stage that the best thing to do would be to determine whether the Society of Former Special Agents will raise the money and make the gift. If they are willing to do so, they could take over almost the entire procedure. The Bureau could supply a list of half a dozen of the most outstanding portrait artists for a starter. The Society could ask these artists for samples of their work. The Society could arrange with Miss Gandy, et al. to choose an artist. The Society could contract with the artist. The Society could arrange for either the original committee of Miss Gandy, et al. or a separate committee of their own to pass on the finished product. The Society will then donate the portrait as a gift.

RECOMMENDATION:

That I be authorized to discuss this matter confidentially and informally with John J. Grady mentioned above. If so authorized, I will make no decisions and no commitments. The understanding will be that the Society will determine on its own what it wants to do and, if it wishes to act, will then by appropriate delegation present the matter to the Acting Director.

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( See ADDENDUM -- NEXT PAGE )



Dalbey to Felt memo  
Re: J.EDGAR HOOVER  
PORTRAIT OF

ADDENDUM: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR BISHOP: 7/12/72 TEB:jo

For information, the Executive Committee of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Inc., have already appointed a Committee whose function is to decide upon, select and present a suitable memorial to Mr. Hoover. The Committee Chairman is former SA Dale Thompson, 3606 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, telephone 979-8153. His Committee has been at work for approximately 2 months at its task and has been in touch with Bishop on several occasions concerning the matter of the memorial. No final decision has been made by the Committee.

Any contact with the Society of Former Special Agents regarding a portrait of Mr. Hoover as a memorial, should be made through Dale Thompson, who is well-known to Bishop.

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## Memorandum

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 Mrs. Neenan \_\_\_\_\_

TO: MR. CALLAHAN

DATE: 10-27-72

FROM: T. J. FEENEY

SUBJECT: MAINTENANCE OF MR. GRAY'S OFFICIAL  
 PERSONNEL FOLDER IN THE DEPUTY'S OFFICE  
 REVISION OF SERVICE COMPUTATION DATES OF  
 MR. GRAY, MR. KINLEY, AND MR. ARMSTRONG

After Mr. Gray was designated Acting Director of the FBI, the Civil Division of the Department forwarded his Official Personnel Folder (OPF) to the Bureau and indicated it could be maintained by the FBI. Upon review of the OPF we conclude Mr. Gray's Service Computation Date (SCD) carried officially by the Department should be revised (ordinarily the SCD is that date which records an employee's total creditable Government service for purposes of determining leave earning category and service toward civilian retirement; however, there are qualifications on this general applicability where the civilian employee is retired from the military as in the case of Mr. Gray.)

In the meantime, John Duffner, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Attorney General, telephonically advised that the OPF for each head of a bureau in the Department is maintained in the Deputy's office. He stated this is done because the bureau heads are appointed by the Attorney General, the folders are needed for ready reference purposes, and the Attorney General or Deputy should be the custodian. Accordingly, we should forward Mr. Gray's OPF to the Department. It was observed to him that we are making certain corrections with respect to Mr. Gray's SCD and Duffner advised it would be satisfactory to forward the folder when completed.

As a matter of interest, Mr. Duffner advised he continues to maintain the OPF for Mr. Hoover. When asked as to what disposition was intended concerning Mr. Hoover's folder Duffner advised that he planned to maintain it indefinitely and not retire it to the Personnel Records Center in St. Louis as is customary with other folders of former employees of the Department. It was observed that FBI has specific authority set forth in the Federal Personnel Manual to retain all OPFs of former FBI employees. Mr. Duffner requested to be furnished a copy of this citation so that he may place it in Mr. Hoover's OPF for reference purposes should consideration ever be given toward releasing Mr. Hoover's folder.

1 - Mr. Marshall  
 1 - Mr. Feeney  
 1 - Mr. Walsh  
 1 - Mr. Pietsch

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1 - Personnel Files of Mr. Kinley and Mr. Armstrong.  
 ① - Out of service Personnel File of John Edgar Hoover.

Memo Feeney to Callahan  
Re: Maintenance of Mr. Gray's Official Personnel  
Folder in the Deputy's Office  
Revision of Service Computation Dates of  
Mr. Gray, Mr. Kinley, and Mr. Armstrong

We also received the OPFs of Mr. Kinley and Mr. Armstrong and found that adjustments in their SCDs were also necessary. The adjustments of all three are set forth as follows:

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Mr. Gray The SCD date for Mr. Gray shown by HEW and the Department is 1-9-58. Upon reconstruction, we cannot account for this date. For purposes of determining leave earning category, civilian employees who are retired from the military are given credit for certain military service, generally wartime, which for Mr. Gray is from 12-7-41 through 4-28-52. Based on this, we can account for an SCD of 9-1-58 at HEW so there must have been a transposition of the month and day in recording the date. The Department did not officially recompute Mr. Gray's SCD upon Mr. Gray's appointment to the Department. General Services Administration advised us that Mr. Gray's service as Special Consultant to the President's Cabinet Committee on Education for some nine months in 1970 was on contract with his law firm and not creditable Federal service. Therefore, Mr. Gray had a break in service between HEW and the Department. As reconstructed by the Bureau his current SCD should be 7-5-59 which should be recorded by SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action. Since the corrected date will be subject to review by the Department, it was checked with the Personnel Office of the Department which concurred with the 7-5-59 date. As of 10-14-72, Mr. Gray had 66 hours of annual leave.

Mr. Kinley Justice and HEW carried Mr. Kinley's SCD as 1-21-69 which is the date he entered on duty with HEW. We corresponded with the National Personnel Records Center at St. Louis and obtained that part of his OPF recording Mr. Kinley's employment with the Forest Service of 2 months 6 days in 1962 and service of 1 year, 1 month, and 16 days with the U. S. Courts, Ninth Circuit during 1966 and 1967. By crediting this service a revised SCD for Mr. Kinley is 9-29-67 and a corrected SF-50 to record this is being effected. Had HEW utilized the correct SCD of 9-29-67, Mr. Kinley would have been placed in a 6-hour rather than 4-hour leave earning category on 9-29-70. However, according to his OPF received from the Department, he was placed in a 6-hour leave earning category as of 1-21-72, 3 years after his EOD at HEW. Under the circumstances we cannot determine, based on leave records received from the Department, how much, if any additional annual leave to which Mr. Kinley may have been entitled. At any rate under current regulations, there would be no authority to restore any such additional leave to him. However, legislation had been introduced and will have to be reintroduced which would permit restoration of annual leave where there has been administrative error. Should any such legislation become law, we will follow to determine what action can be taken on the matter. As of 10-14-72, Mr. Kinley had 260 hours of annual leave accrued.

Memo Feeney to Callahan

Re: Maintenance of Mr. Gray's Official Personnel  
Folder in the Deputy's Office  
Revision of Service Computation Dates of  
Mr. Gray, Mr. Kinley, and Mr. Armstrong

Mr. Armstrong Military service is creditable in fixing the SCD; however, the Department had not verified Mr. Armstrong's military service and had not recorded an SCD at all. Bureau secured a copy of the DD-214 from Military Records Center, St. Louis, recording Mr. Armstrong's military service of 2 years, 11 months, and 29 days and, accordingly, an SF-50 has been executed showing his SCD as 4-22-67. This means Mr. Armstrong should have been in a 6 instead of a 4-hour leave earning category one day after he entered on duty with the Department. The Department was notified and corrected its leave accrual records which were transferred to the Bureau recrediting Mr. Armstrong with 114 additional hours of annual leave. As of 10-14-72 Mr. Armstrong had 235 hours of annual leave accrued.

The OPFs received from the Department on Ms. Herwig, Mrs. Neenan, and Mrs. Cavacini record proper SCDs and leave earning categories.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Necessary action to effect the corrected SCD on Mr. Kinley and Mr. Armstrong has been taken.

2. The SF-50 to correct the changed SCD concerning Mr. Gray must be approved by the Attorney General or Deputy. Accordingly, it is recommended that the correction SF-50 be taken to Mr. Duffner along with Mr. Gray's OPF as requested by Mr. Duffner. The Bureau will, of course, maintain a personnel file on Mr. Gray to contain pertinent information concerning his Bureau service as was done in the case of Mr. Hoover.

Done  
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RICHARD E. BREWER  
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July 13, 1972

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Gentlemen:

Attention: Mr. Row

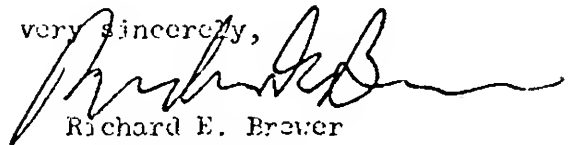
Re: J. Edgar Hoover Estate Agency - #008954-01

On behalf of Mr. Clyde A. Tolson, who has now been appointed executor of the estate of J. Edgar Hoover, we enclose the requested claim form for unpaid compensation together with a receipted copy of the funeral bill. Also enclosed is a certified copy of Letters Testamentary issued to Mr. Tolson.

You will also find enclosed the Application for Death Benefits Under the Civil Service Retirement System which has been executed by Mr. Tolson. I am enclosing for the Civil Service records a certified copy of the death certificate.

I understand that you will process these forms through the Civil Service Commission. You will note that the forms reflect Mr. Tolson's mailing address as being in care of this bank. The checks should be mailed to that address in order that we may deposit the proceeds to the estate agency account.

Yours very sincerely,



Richard E. Brewer  
Trust Officer

cc Mr. Clyde A. Tolson

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The United States of America

To all persons to whom these presents shall come

Greeting:

Know ye, That the Last Will and Testament of

John Edgar Hoover, also known as J. Edgar Hoover

late of the District of Columbia, deceased,  
having been exhibited, proved, and admitted to probate and record by  
said Court, and duly recorded in the office of the Register of Wills  
for the District of Columbia, the Clerk of said Court, Administration  
of all the money, goods, chattels, rights and credits of the said deceased  
was thereupon by said Court, on the 6th day  
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